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SECTION 1

Introduction

2 f4 was resurrected from the archives by Bent Larsen in 1964. He used it with tremendous success and since then it has found a growing number of converts. These already include Grandmasters Antoshin, Miles and Westerinen and International Masters Day, Hebden, Hodgson, Kosten and Plaskett.

2 f4 can lead to a fierce attack on Black's king or it can be combined with purely positional ideas. It does not concede Black a central pawn majority which happens in variations based on 2 ♖f3 and 3 d4; Black gets fewer counterchances.

2 f4 has never been very popular and relatively little is known about it as yet. It is not necessary for White to learn reams of analysis before he can play it and it offers scope for the creative mind. A purely practical advantage is that it makes booked up Dragon or Najdorf players think for themselves.

White usually seems to be able to get the better of it if Black adopts the time-honoured panacea of 'simple development'. Black really has to know what he is doing, and even then it is not clear he can equalize. It is as much for Black as for White that this booklet is intended.

This survey includes 70 key games played with 2 f4 with several more incorporated in the notes. As far as possible I have tried to use recent material though with a few variations it has been necessary to go back a few years. The reader may find it useful to note games played with 2 f4 or 2 ♖c3 and 3 f4 in forthcoming volumes of Informator or the Pergamon Tournament Chess series. This will enable him to keep up-to-date with new developments.

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SECTION 2

2 f4 and 2 ♘c3: is there a difference?

This book deals with the variations arising from 2 f4, but most of them can also be reached via 2 ♘c3 and 3 f4. So what is the difference?

Amongst the advantages of 2 ♘c3 are that it avoids both 2 ... d5 and 2 ... ♗f6 (3 e5!). In addition it maintains the possibility of an Open Sicilian if White were to follow up with 3 ♗ge2 and 3 d4. Najdorf, Scheveningen and Paulsen addicts are likely to play 2 ... d6 or 2 ... e6 unless they are fairly sure White will not switch systems.

The disadvantage is that it rules out the lines where White delays ♘c3 such as the 'Big Clamp'. It also makes 2 ... ♘c6 followed by 3 ... g6 a better plan for Black as I will explain.

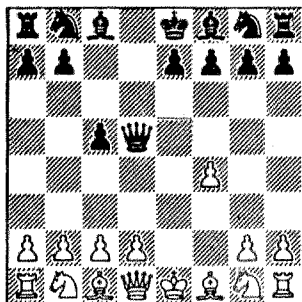
After 2 f4 ♘c6 3 ♗f3 g6 4 ♖b5 ♗g7 White can play 5 ♗xc6!. But after 2 ♘c3 ♘c6 3 f4 g6 4 ♗f3 ♗g7 5 ♖b5 Black has 5 ... ♗d4!

After 2 f4 Black usually tries to get into this 5 ... ♗d4! line by playing 2 ... g6 3 ♗f3 ♗g7 4 ♘c3 ♘c6. But White has another dangerous possibility: 2 ... g6 3 d4!

Finally it should be noted that if White intends to adopt the aggressive lines based on ♖c4 rather than the positional ♖b5 or the 'Big Clamp' then 2 ♘c3 loses these disadvantages. In that case it is likely that White will choose it as his second move.

SECTION 3

2 ... d5 3 ed ♗xd5



2 ... d5 is a popular reaction to White's system, posing an immediate challenge to the duo of pawns on e4 and f4. White's obvious reply is 3 ed and after 3 ... ♗xd5 to hit the Queen with 4 ♘c3. White's lead in development gives him the initiative.

The traditional retreat is 4 ... ♗d8 (games 1-3). If Black then fianchettoes his king's bishop he tends to get much the worst of it (games 1 and 2) but the plan used in game 3 seems quite respectable.

The US grandmaster Yasser Seirawan has suggested that the move 4 ... ♗d6 (game 4) is a clear improvement and in fact gives Black the advantage. But the Queen finds herself exposed on that square and practice has favoured White.

Game 1

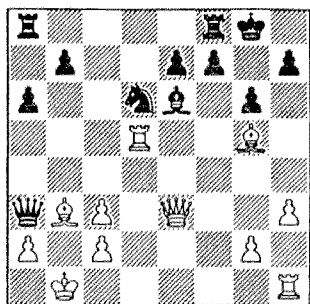
□ Hebden

Kudrin ■

Hastings, 1983-84

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ed ♗xd5 4 ♘c3 ♗d8 5 ♗f3 g6 6 ♗e5 [6 d4!? ♗g7 7 ♖e3 cd 8 ♗xd4 ♗f6 9 ♗xf6 ♗xf6 10 ♗xd8+ ± Westerinen-Plaskett, Brighton 1983]

♖g7 7 ♗b5+ ♘d7 8 d4 cd 9 ♙xd4 ♚f6 10
 ♜e3 0-0 11 0-0-0 ♙a5 12 h3 ♜xe5 13 fe
 ♜e8 14 ♖g5 a6 15 ♜c4 ♜xe5 16 ♙e3
 ♘d6 17 ♚d5 ♙b4 18 ♜b3 ♜xc3 19 bc
 ♙a3+ 20 ♜b1 ♜e6



♚f3 ♚hd1 ♚ac8 22 ♙xd6 ♜xb3 23 ab f6 24
 ♜h6 ed 25 ♙e6+ ♜h8 26 ♙e7 1:0

Game 2

□ Evans

Adorjan ■

Amsterdam 1971

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ed ♙xd5 4 ♜c3 ♙d8 5
 ♜f3 ♜f6 6 ♜c4 [6 ♜e5! g6 7 ♜b5+
 ♜bd7 8 ♜c4 e6 9 ♙e2 ♜xe5 10 fe ♜d7 11
 d3 ♖g7 12 ♜f4 0-0 13 0-0-0 ♜xe5 14 h4!
 with attack (W. Watson-Fedorowicz,
 London 1982); 7 ♜c4! g6?! [6 ... e6!] 7
 ♜e5! e6 8 d3 ♖g7 [8 ... ♜bd7 9 ♙e2 ♙e7
 10 a4 ♖g7 11 0-0 0-0 12 a5 ♜e8 13 ♜d2
 += Hebden-Kindermann, Biel 1983] 9
 ♜e3 ♜fd7! 10 ♜xd7 ♜xd7 11 ♙f3 0-0 12
 0-0 ♚b8 13 a4 b6 14 ♚ad1 ♜b7 15 ♙e2
 ♙h4 16 d4 cd 17 ♜xd4 ♜f6 18 ♜b5 ♚bd8
 19 c3 ♜g4 20 h3 ♜xd4+ 21 ♜xd4 ♜f6 22
 ♜h2 ♜e4 23 ♙e3 ♙f6 24 ♜b5 ♚xd1 25
 ♚xd1 e5 26 fe ♙xe5+ 27 ♜g1 a6 28 ♜d4
 ♚e8 29 ♜f3 ♙c7 30 ♜a2 ♙c5 31 ♚d4
 ♜d6 32 ♙f4 ♜f5 33 g4 ♜xf3 34 ♙xf3
 ♚e1+ 35 ♜f2 ♚a1 36 ♜xf7+ ♜xf7 37 gf
 ♚xa4 38 ♚g+ ♜xg6 39 ♙g4+ ♜f6 40
 ♙f4+ ♜g6 41 ♙g4+ ♜f6 42 ♙f4+ ♜g6
 43 ♙d6+ ♙xd6 44 ♚xd6+ ♜g5 45 ♚xb6
 ♚a1 46 ♜e3 h5 47 b4 ♜h4 48 ♚h6 a5 49 b5

a4 50 ♜d2 a3 51 ♚a6 a2 52 c4 ♜xh3 53
 ♜c2 h4 54 ♜b2 ♚h1 55 ♜xa2 ♜g4 1:0

Game 3

□ Barle

Browne ■

Lone Pine 1979

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ed ♙xd5 4 ♜c3 ♙d8 5
 ♜f3 ♜f6 [5 ... ♜c6?! 6 ♜b5 ♜d7 7 0-0
 ♜f6 8 ♜e5 ♚c8 9 ♙e2 e6 10 ♜xc6 ♜xc6
 11 f5 ± Westerinen-Tseshkovsky, Sochi
 1981] 6 ♜e5 [6 ♜b5+ ♜d7 7 ♙e2 g6 8
 ♜e5 ♖g7 9 ♙c4 0-0! 10 ♙xc5 ♜f5!
 unclear Westerinen-Polugaevsky, Sochi
 1981] e6 [6 ... ♜bd7?! 7 ♜c4 e6 8 ♙e2
 ♜xe5? 9 fe ♜d7 10 0-0 ♜e7 11 d3 0-0 12
 ♚f3 ± Hebden-Kiss, Hungary 1981-82] 7
 ♙f3 [7 ♜b5+ ♜fd7! unclear] ♜e7 8 b3
 ♜fd7! [8 ... 0-0-9 ♜b2 ♜bd7?! 10 0-0-0
 ♙c7 11 ♚e1 a6 12 g4 b5 13 ♖g2 ♜b6 14
 g5 ± Hennings-Polugaevsky, Kislovodsk
 1972] 9 ♜b5 0-0 10 ♜xd7 ♜xd7 11 ♜b2
 a6 12 ♜d3 ♚b8 13 ♙h3 f5! 14 g4 ♜h4+ 15
 ♜e2 b5! 16 gf c4! 17 ♜e4 ♜c5 18 ♚ag1
 ♜f6 19 d4 cd+ 20 cd ef 21 ♜d5+ ♜e6 22
 ♜xe6+ ♜xe6 23 ♚f1 ♚c8 24 d4 ♜xd4+
 25 ♜f2 b4 0:1

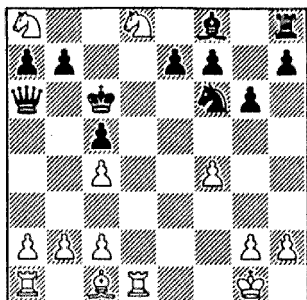
Game 4

□ Fredericks

Altman ■

New York 1961

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ed ♙xd5 4 ♜c3 ♙d6 5
 ♜f3 ♜f6 6 ♜c4 [In Hodgson-Horvath,
 England 1984 White opened the centre
 with 6 d4. But after 6 ... a6 7 ♜e3 cd 8
 ♙xd4 ♙xd4 9 ♜xd4 ♜c6 10 ♜xf6 ef 11 0-0
 0-0 ♜e6 12 ♜d3 0-0-0 he failed to achieve
 anything tangible] ♜c6 7 0-0 g6 8 d3 ♜a5
 9 ♜b5 ♙b6 10 ♚e1 ♜xc4 11 dc ♜e6 12
 ♜g5 ♚d8 13 ♜xe6! ♚xd1 14 ♜bc7+ ♜d7
 15 ♚xd1+ ♜c6 16 ♜a8! ♙a6 17 ♜d8
 mate 1:0



Game 5

□ Hartston

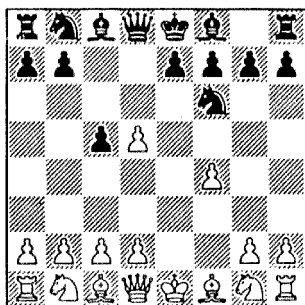
Tal ■

Tallin 1979

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ed ♞f6 4 ♠b5+ ♠d7 5 ♠xd7+ ♣xd7 6 c4 e6 7 ♣e2 ♠d6 8 de fe 9 d3 0-0 10 ♞f3 ♞g4 11 ♞c3 ♞c6 12 0-0 ♠xf4 13 ♣e4 ♣d4+! 14 ♣xd4 cd 15 ♠xf4 de 16 ♠d6 ♠fd8 17 c5 cb 18 ♠ab1 b6 19 ♠xb2 bc 20 ♠xc5 ♠xd3 21 h3 ♞f6 22 ♠c1 ♠ad8 23 ♡h2 e5 24 ♠f2 e4 25 ♠xc6 ef 26 ♠xa7 ♠d2 27 ♠cc2 ♠xc2 ½:½

SECTION 4

2 ... d5 3 ed ♞f6



Game 6

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Petursson ■

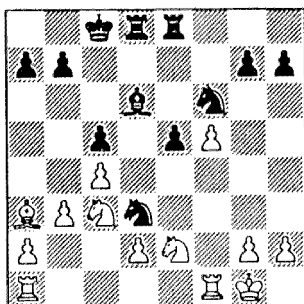
Hamar 1983

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ed ♞f6 4 ♠b5+ ♠d7 5 ♠xd7+ ♣xd7 6 c4 e6 7 ♣e2 ♠d6 8 de ♣xe6! 9 ♣xe6+ fe 10 ♞e2 ♞c6 11 ♞bc3 0-0-0 12 0-0 ♞b4 13 b3 ♠he8 [Also good is the immediate 13 ... e5 as in Poloch-Tischbierek, Leipzig 1984. Play continued 14 ♠b1 ♠he8 15 f5 e4 16 ♠a3 ♞c2 17 ♠b2 ♠e5 18 ♠bd1 ♠d4+ with a winning position for Black.] 14 ♠b2 ♞d3 15 ♠a3 e5 16 f5? [16 fe ♣]

The most exciting recent development for Black is the gambit initiated by 3 ... ♞f6. Introduced by Tal in game 5 it immediately made life difficult for White. And when 8 ... ♣xe6! was discovered in game 6 and that 4... ♞bd7 was also interesting (*game 8*), addicts of 2 f4 suddenly started to worry.

In game 7 Hebden won with 7 f5 but this certainly wasn't thanks to his opening. White was in desperate need of a new idea.

The first attempt to improve was with 4 c4 but game 9 showed that Black still had excellent compensation for his pawn. The second attempt was to opt out with 3 ♞c3(!) which is looked at in the next section.



e4 17 h3 h5 18 ♠ad1 ♠e5 19 g3 a6 20 ♡g2 ♡c7 21 ♞c1 h4 22 ♞d5+ ♞xd5 23 ♞xd3 ed 24 cd ♠xg3? [24 ... ♠xd5! wins] 25 ♠xc5 ♠e2+ 26 ♡f3 ♠xd5 27 ♠e3 ♠xf5+ 28 ♡e4 ♠xf1 29 ♠xf1 ♠h2 30 ♠f7+ ♡c6 31 ♠xg7 ♠xh3 32 ♠g6+ ♡d7 33 ♠g7+ ♡c6 34 ♠g6+ ♡d7 35 ♠g7+ ♡c6 ½:½

Game 7

□ Hebden

Davies ■

Nottingham 1983

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ed ♖f6 4 ♘b5+ ♘d7 5 ♘d7+ ♗xd7 6 c4 e6 7 ♗e2 ♘d6 8 f5!? 0-0 [8 ... ♘a6!? 9 de fe 10 fe ♗e7 11 ♖f3 ♖b4 12 ♘a3 0-0-0 13 0-0 ♖d3 with compensation for the material] 9 fe fe 10 de ♗e8! [10 ... ♗c7?! 11 ♖f3 ♖g4 12 e7! ±; 11 ... ♖c6 12 ♖c3 ♖d4 13 ♖xd4 cd 14 ♖b5 ♘g3+ 15 ♖d1!] 11 ♖f3 ♗h5 12 ♖c3 [12 0-0? ♘h2+!] ♖c6 13 d3 ♖ae8 14 ♘d2 ♘g3+ 15 ♖d1 ♘d6? [15 ... ♖g4! 16 ♖e4 ♘c7 with the idea of 17 ... ♖xe6 is very strong] 16 ♖e1 ♖d8 17 ♖g5 ♖g4 18 ♖ce4 ♘h2 19 ♖h1 ♖xe6 20 ♖xh2 ♗xh2 21 ♗xg4 ♗g1+ 22 ♘e1 ♖d4 23 ♖d2 ♗f1 24 ♖c3 b5 25 cb c4? [25 ... ♖xb5+ unclear] 26 dc ♖d8 27 ♖e6 ♖xe6 28 ♗xe6+ ♖h8 29 ♖b3 ♖fe8 30 ♗c6 ♖c8 31 ♗d5 ♖cd8 32 ♖d6 ♖f8 33 ♘c3 1:0

Game 8

□ W. Watson

Razuvaev ■

London 1983

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ed ♖f6 4 ♘b5+ ♖hd7 5 c4 a6 6 ♘a4?! [The superior 6 ♘d7+ was played in Westerinen-Burger, Brighton 1983. But even then Black got an excellent position after 6 ... ♘xd7 7 d4 ♘g4 8 ♖f3 cd 9 0-0 e6 10 de ♘xe6 11 ♖e1 ♘e7 12 b3 0-0 13 h3 ♘c5] b5 7 cb ♖b6 [Also good is 7 ... ♖xd5] 8 ba+ ♖xa4 9 ♗xa4+ ♘d7 10 ♗c4 e6 11 ♖c3 ♘d6? [In his notes to the game Razuvaev gave 11 ... ed as being stronger. His analysis continued 12 ♖xd5 ♖xd5 13 ♗xd5 ♖xa6 14 ♖f3 ♖e6+ 15 ♖f2 ♖e2+! 16 ♖f1 (and not 16 ♖g3 ♖xg2+!) ♘b5 17 ♗xd8+ ♖xd8 18 d3 ♘d3 19 ♖g1 c4 with a clear advantage to Black] 12 de ♘xe6 13 ♗b5+

♖d7 14 ♖ge2 ♗h4+ 15 g3 ♗e7 16 0-0 ♘h3 17 ♖f3 0-0 18 ♖e3 ♗d8 19 b3? [19 ♖d3 += Razuvaev] ♖f6 20 ♘b2 ♘c8! 21 ♖e4 ♖xe4 22 ♖xe4 ♘xa6 23 ♗c6 ♖a7 24 f5 ♘b7 25 ♖g4 f6 26 ♗b5 ♘a6 27 ♗c6 ♘xe2 28 ♗d5+ ♖af7 29 ♖a4 ♘b5 30 ♖e4 ♗a8 31 ♗xa8 ♖xa8 32 a4 ♘d3 33 ♖c6 ♘f8 34 g4 ♖b7 35 ♘c3 ♖xb3 36 a5 ♘c4 37 ♖c6 ♘d5 38 ♖c7 ♖b7 39 ♖xb7 ♘xb7 40 ♖b1 ♘f3 41 h3 h5 0:1

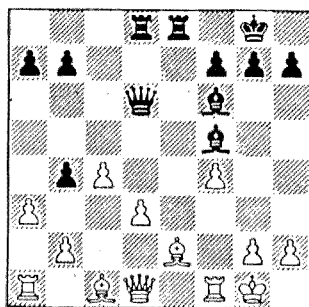
Game 9

□ Hodgson

Gudmundsson ■

Oakham (England) 1984

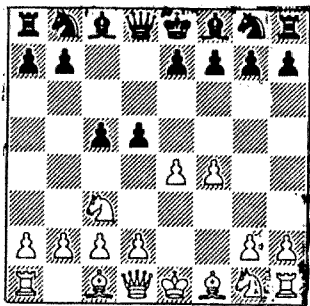
1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ed ♖f6 4 c4 e6 5 de ♘xe6 6 ♖f3 ♖c6 7 ♖c3 [Naturally, White is not keen to repeat the 7 d4?! of Hodgson-Salov, Leningrad 1983. That game continued 7 ... ♖xd4 8 ♖xd4 ♗xd4 9 ♗xd4 cd 10 ♘d3 ♖d7 11 f5 ♖c5 12 fe ♖xd3+ 13 ♖e2 ♖e5 14 ef+ ♖xf7 15 b3 ♖e8+ when Black's powerful passed pawn gave him a clear advantage.] ♘e7 8 d3 0-0 9 ♘e2 ♗c7 10 ♖g5?! [10 0-0] ♘f5 11 ♖ge4 ♖ad8 12 ♖xf6+ ♘xf6 13 ♖d5 ♗d6 14 0-0 ♖b4 15 ♖xb4 cb 16 a3 ♖fe8



17 ab ♗e7 18 ♘f3 ♘d3 19 g3 ♘xc4 20 ♗c2 ♘xf1 21 ♖xf1 ♗e1+ 22 ♖g2 ♖c8 23 ♗a4 ♖e2+ 24 ♘xe2 ♗xe2+ 25 ♖h3 ♗f1+ 26 ♖g4 h5+ 27 ♖f5 ♗d3 mate 0:1

SECTION 5

2 ... d5 3 ♖c3



After 3 ♖c3 Black has four possibilities. He can transpose into game 15 with 3 ... ♟f6, he can transpose into games 23-30 with 3 ... e6, he can play 3 ... de or advance with 3 ... d4. It is these last two moves which are examined in this section.

After 3 ... de 4 ♟xe4 Black usually meets the attack on c5 with 4 ... e6. White then seems to get the better of it whether he adopts Hebden's exotic double-fianchetto treatment (*game 10*) or Plaskett's more direct approach (*game 11*)

Black's play (*game 12*) was a bit more like it. He chose 4 ... ♝c7 in preference to the passive 4 ... e6.

3 ... d4 will tend to favour White if he gets a King's Indian with colours reversed and his pawn already on f4 (*game 13*). The most interesting question is whether Black can put a spanner in the works early on, for example with 4 ... e5. Future encounters will doubtless provide the answer.

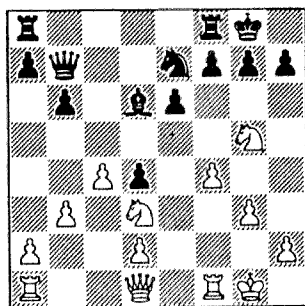
Game 10

□ Hebden

King ■

Brighton (British Ch) 1984

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ♖c3 de 4 ♟xe4 e6 5 ♟f3 ♟f6 6 ♟f2 ♟c6 7 b3 ♟d6 8 ♟d3 ♟d5 [About a month later 8 ... ♝c7 was played by Leontxo-Garcia against Hebden in the Lewisham International. The game continued 9 g3 0-0 10 ♟b2 ♟d7 11 ♟h3 b6 12 0-0 ♟a6 13 c4 ♟b7 14 ♝e2 ♟fe8 15 ♟g5 ♟d4 16 ♟xd4 cd 17 ♟g2 with an edge for White.] 9 g3 b6 10 ♟b2 0-0 11 ♟g2 ♟b7 12 0-0 ♝c7 13 ♟g5 ♟d4 14 c4 ♟e7 15 ♟xb7 ♝xb7 16 ♟xd4 cd



17 ♝f3 ♝xf3 18 ♟xf3 ♟c6 19 ♟fe1 a5 20 a3 ♟fd8 21 ♟f1 ♟ab8 22 ♟eb1 ♟a8 23 ♟fe1 f6 24 ♟c2 e5 25 fe fe 26 ♟e1 ♟f8+ 27 ♟g2 ♟ae8 28 ♟f2 ♟c7 29 d3 b5 30 cb ♟e7 31 ♟e4 ♟d5 32 a4 ♟d8 33 ♟d6 ♟e6 34 ♟c4 ♟fe8 35 ♟f1 ♟f6 36 ♟ael ♟c3 37 ♟xa5 e4 38 ♟c4 ed 39 ♟xe6 ♟xe6 40 ♟b4 ♟e2+ 41 ♟f2 ♟e4 42 ♟xe2 de 43 ♟d3 ♟c5 44 ♟cb2 ♟xb3 45 ♟f2 ♟a5 46 ♟xe2 ♟f7 47 ♟f4 ♟e7 48 ♟d3 ♟d7 49 ♟d5 1:0

Game 11

□ Plaskett

Howell ■

Brighton (British Ch) 1984

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ♖c3 de 4 ♟xe4 e6 5 ♟f3 ♟e7 6 ♟c4 ♟f6 7 ♝e2 ♟c6 8 c3 0-0 9 0-0 b6 10 d3 ♟b7 11 ♟g3 ♟d6 12 ♟d2 ♝c7 13 ♟g5 ♟e7 14 ♟5e4 ♟xe4 15 de ♟g6 16

♖h5 ♘h8 17 ♚ae1 ♚ad8 18 ♙c1 ♚d7 19
 e5 ♙e7 20 f5 ef 21 ♚xf5 ♙d5 22 ♙xd5
 ♚xd5 23 ♚g4 ♚d7 24 ♚ef1 ♘g8 25 ♘g7
 ♘g7 26 ♚h5 ♘g8 27 ♙h6 ♚e6 28 ♙xf8
 ♘xf8 29 c4 ♚d4 30 ♚xf7 ♚g5 31 ♚f3
 ♙e6 32 ♚xe7 ♚f4 33 ♚xe6 1:0

Game 12

□ Hebden Conquest ■

London 1984

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ♖c3 de 4 ♘xe4 ♚c7 5
 ♖f3 ♖f6 6 ♘xf6+ gf 7 g3 h5 8 d3 ♙g4 9
 ♙e2 ♖c6 10 ♙e3 0-0-0 11 0-0 e6 12 c3
 ♙e7 13 ♖h4 c4 14 ♙xg4 hxg4 15 ♚xg4
 ♚xd3 16 ♙d4 ♚g8 17 ♚e2 ♖d5 18 ♖g2
 ♙c5 19 ♙xc5 ♚xc5+ 20 ♚f2 ♚xf2+ 21
 ♚xf2 ♖b6 22 ♖e1 ♚d5 23 ♖c2 f5 24 ♖d4
 ♖a4 25 ♖f3 f6 26 ♖d4 ♖c5 27 ♚e2 ♘d7
 28 ♘g2 a6 29 a4 b6 30 h3 ♘e7 31 ♘h2
 ♘f7 32 ♖c2 ♚gd8 33 ♖d4 ♖b3 34 ♘b3
 cb 35 ♘g2 ♚d3 36 ♖f2 ♚h8 37 h4 ♚g8
 38 ♚g1 ♚d5 39 ♚ge1 ♚d6 40 ♚e3 b5 41
 ab ab 42 ♚e2 ♚a8 43 ♘g2 ♚aa6 44
 h5 ♘g7 45 ♘h3 ♘h7 46 ♘h4 ♘g7 47 ♚g2
 ♚a4 48 ♚f1 e5 49 ♘h3 e4 50 g4 ♚d3+ 51
 ♘h4 ♚f3 52 gxf5+ ♘h6 53 ♚g6+ ♘h7 54
 ♚d1 ♚xf4+ 55 ♘g3 ♚xf5 57 ♚d7+ ♘h8
 57 ♘g4 ♚f2 58 ♚h6+ ♘g8 59 ♚hh7
 e3+ 60 ♘g3 ♚a1 ½:½

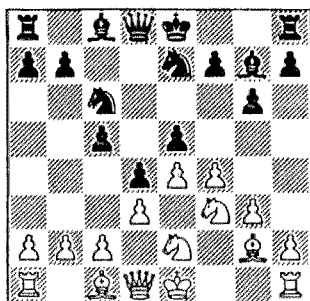
Game 13

□ Jugashvili Tereshenko-Nutsu ■

Rumania 1982

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 ♖c3 d4 4 ♖ce2 g6 [The
 immediate 4 ... e5 is an interesting idea
 which aims for control of e5. A sample
 variation is 5 ♖f3 ♖c6 6 d3 ef 7 ♘xf4
 ♙d6 8 g3, with about even chances.] 5 d3
 ♙g7 6 ♖f3 ♖c6 7 g3 e5 8 ♙g2 ♖ge7

see following diagram

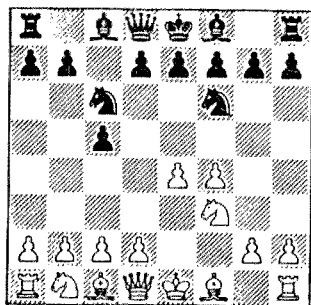


9 fe 0-0 10 ♙f4 h6 11 h4 ♙g4 12 0-0 ♚d7
 13 ♚f2 ♘h7 14 ♚d2 ♚ae8 15 ♚af1 ♖g8
 16 ♘h2 ♘xe5 17 ♘xe5 ♙xe5 18 ♙xe5
 ♙xe2 19 ♚xe2 ♚xe5 20 ♙h3 ♚c7 21 ♚f4
 ♚e7 22 h5 ♚xf4 23 ♚xf4 g5 24 ♚f5 b6 25
 ♚ef2 ♘g7 26 b4 ♚c7 27 bc bc 28 ♚d5 ♖e7
 29 ♚d6 ♚b8 30 a4 ♚b2 31 e5 ♖c6 32 e6 f6
 33 ♙f5 ♖e5 34 ♘g2 ♘f8 35 ♚d8+ ♘g7
 36 ♚e2 ♚bb7 37 ♖f2 ♚e7 38 ♘g2 ♚bc7
 39 ♚d5 ♘f8 40 ♚e1 ♚e8 41 ♚b1 ♘e7 42
 ♚b5 ♚ec8 43 ♚a5 g4 44 ♘f2 ♖f3 45
 ♙xg4 ♖g5 46 ♚a6 ♚d8 47 ♚d7+ ♚dxd7
 48 ed ♖f7 49 ♙f5 ♖d8 50 ♘f3 ♖c6 51
 ♘e4 ♘d8 52 ♙e6 ♖b4 53 ♚d6 ♖xc2 54
 ♙h3 f5+ 55 ♙xf5 ♖e3 56 ♙h3 c4 57 dc
 1:0

SECTION 6

Counterattack with

... ♖f6



This section looks at the main variations 2 ... ♘f6 and 2 ... ♘c6 3 ♘f3 ♘f6.

When Larsen first began experimenting with 2 f4 he faced 2 ... ♘f6 on a couple of occasions. His reaction was the quiet 3 d3 (game 14) which leads to positions related to the Big Clamp.

The most natural reply is 3 ♘c3 when Black usually plays 3 ... d5. An exotic alternative (3 ... g6) was played by Murei (game 16).

After 3 ... d5 4 e5 Black has a choice between 4 ... d4 (game 15), which gives him a difficult endgame, and a discreet retreat with 4 ... ♘fd7. The retreat transposes into a French Defence after 5 ♘f3 e6 6 d4 but White also has the option of 6 g3, transposing into game 23.

After 2 ... ♘c6 3 ♘f3 ♘f6 White again has the choice between 4 d3 and 4 ♘c3. The endgame after 4 ♘c3 d5 5 e5 d4 (game 17) again favours White but not so clearly as in game 15. After 5 ... ♘d7 White again has a choice between a French (6 d4) and game 23 (6 g3). Black can also try an interesting Murei concoction with 5 ... ♘e4 (game 18).

Finally it should be noted that 3 ... ♘f6 4 ♘c3 e6 is game 35.

Game 14

□ Larsen Bednarsky ■

Palma de Mallorca 1967

1 e4 c5 2 f4 ♘f6 3 d3 ♘c6 4 ♘f3 d5 5 e5 ♘g8 6 ♘e2 ♘g4 7 0-0 e6 8 c4 ♘ge7 9 ♘c3 dc 10 dc ♘f5 11 h3! [A clear improvement on Larsen-Tal, Amsterdam 1964 which went 11 ♗a4 ♘d4 12 ♘xd4 ♗xd4+ 13 ♠f2 ♘xe2 14 ♘xe2 ♗d3 15 f5 ♘e7 16 ♘f4 ♗e4 with a good game for Black.] ♘xf3 12 ♘xf3 ♗d4+ 13 ♗xd4 cd 14 ♘e4 ♘e7 15 c5 f6 16 ♘d6+ ♘d7 17 b4 fe 18 b5 ♘xd6 19 bc+ bc 20 cd ♘xd6 21 fe ♘xe5 22

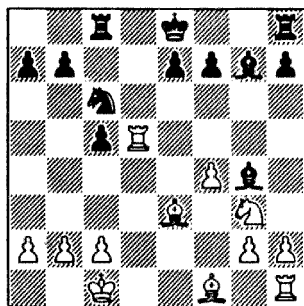
♘g4 c5 23 ♠f7+ ♘d6 24 ♘g5 ♠he8 25 ♘f3 ♠ab8 26 ♠xa7 ♠b6 27 ♠c1 ♘f6 28 ♘d2 ♠eb8 29 ♘e4 h6 30 ♘a5 ♘g5 31 ♘xb6 ♠xb6 32 ♠b1 ♠xb1+ 33 ♘xb1 c4 34 ♘f1 d3 35 ♠xg7 e5 36 ♠xg5 hg 37 ♘f2 e4 38 ♘e3 ♘d5 39 g3 ♘e5 40 a4 1:0

Game 15

□ Miles Plachetka ■

Dubna 1976

1 e4 c5 2 f4 ♘f6 3 ♘c3 d5 4 e5 d4 5 ef dc 6 fg cd+ 7 ♗xd2 ♗xd2+ 8 ♘xd2 ♘xg7 9 0-0-0 ♘f5 [Black also found life difficult in the game Bisguier-Hartston, Hastings 1975-76 which continued 9 ... ♘c6 10 ♘b5 ♘d7 11 ♘e3 b6 12 ♘f3 ♘e5 13 ♘xd7+ ♘xd7 14 ♠he1 h5 15 ♘f2 ♘h6 16 g3 ♘f6 17 ♘b1 ♘g4 18 ♘g1] 10 ♘e2 ♘c6 11 ♘e3 ♠c8? [11 ... b6] 12 ♘g3 ♘g4 13 ♠d5



♘d4 14 ♘xd4 cd 15 ♘b5 ♘d7 16 ♘e4 ♠d8 17 ♘xc6 bc [17 ... ♘xc6 18 ♘f6+!] 18 ♠xd4 ♘f5 19 ♠a4 ♠d7 20 ♘g3 ♘e6 21 ♠d1 ♠c7 22 f5 ♘c8 23 ♠g4 e5 24 ♘e4 ♘e7 25 f6+ ♘e6 26 h3 1:0

Game 16

□ Watson Murei ■

Brighton 1982

1 e4 c5 2 f4 ♘f6 3 ♘c3 g6 4 e5 ♘h5 5 d3 d6 6 ♘e2 de 7 ♘xh5 gh 8 ♗xh5 ♠g8 9 ♘f3 ♘g4 10 ♗xh7 ♠g7 11 ♗e4 ♘xf3 12 ♗xf3 ♘c6 13 fe ♗d4 14 ♘e3 ♘xe5 15 ♗h3 ♗b4

16 0-0-0 e6 17 ♖e4 0-0-0 18 a3 ♖b5 19 ♙g5 ♙xg5 20 ♜xg5 ♙g7 21 d4 cd 22 ♜e4 ♜c4 23 ♖b3 ♖c6 24 ♜he1 ♜e3 25 ♜xe3 ♙h6 26 ♖b1 ♙xe3 27 ♜d2 ♖xg2 28 ♜c4 ♙f4 29 h3 e5 30 ♖b4 ♖d5 31 ♜d3 e4 32 ♜b3 e3 33 ♜a5 ♙d6 34 ♖e1 b6 35 ♖e2 ♖xa5 36 ♖g4+ f5 0:1

Game 17

□ Miles

■ Gligoric

Tilburg 1977

1 e4 c5 2 f4 ♜c6 3 ♜f3 ♜f6 4 ♜c3 d5 5 e5 d4 6 ef dc 7 fg cd + 8 ♖xd2 ♙xg7 9 ♖xd8 + ♜xd8 10 ♙b5+ ♙d7 11 ♙xd7+ ♖xd7 12 c3 f5 13 ♙e3 ♖c6 14 0-0-0 ♜f7 15 ♜he1 ♜ad8 16 ♜xd8 ♜xd8 17 ♙xc5 ♖xc5 18 ♜xe7 ♜f8 19 ♜xb7 ♙f6 20 ♜xa7 ♖b6 21 ♜d7 ♖c6 22 ♜d2 ♜d6 23 ♜e2 h5 24 h4 ♜e4 25 ♜g5 ♖d5 26 ♖c2 ♜a8 27 a3 ♜d6 28 ♜c6 ♙xg5 29 ♜e5+ ♖c6 30 hg h4 31 ♖d3 ♜a4 32 b4 ♜xa3 33 ♜a5 ♜xa5 34 ba ♜e4 35 ♖d4 ♖d6 36 a6 ♜c5 37 a7 ♜e6+ 38 ♖c4 ♜c7 39 g6 ♖e6 40 ♖c5 1:0

Game 18

□ Campora

■ Cramling

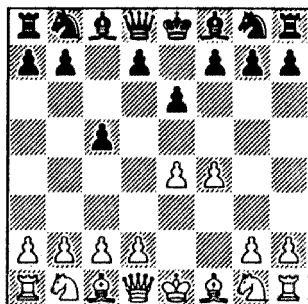
Lugano 1983

1 e4 c5 2 f4 ♜c6 3 ♜f3 ♜f6 4 ♜c3 d5 5 e5 ♜e4 6 ♜xe4 [6 ♙b5 ♜xc3 7 dc ♙f5 8 ♜h4 ♙e4 9 e6 fe 10 ♖h5+ ♖d7 11 ♙d3 ♙xd3 12 cd ♖e8 13 ♖g4 g6 is a wild and woolly encounter between Hebden and Murei, when it isn't clear that White has enough for his pawn.] de 7 ♜g5 ♙f5 8 g4 ♙g6 9 ♙g2 e6 10 ♜xe4 h5 [10 ... c4! - Cramling.] 11 g5 h4?! [11 ... ♜d4 followed by ♜f5 is better, according to Cramling.] 12 c3 ♖b6 13 ♖e2 0-0-0 14 d3 ♖b5 15 ♙f1? [15 ♜f2! ±] ♖a5 16 ♙d2 ♙e7 17 ♖e3 ♖a4 18 ♜f2 ♖c2 19 ♙e2 ♖xb2 20 0-0 ♖a3 21 ♙f3 ♖a6 22 ♙e4 ♙xe4 23 ♖xe4 c4 24 d4 g6 25 a4 ♜a5 26 ♜a2 ♜d5 27 ♜g4 ♜b3 28 ♖e2 ♜a5 29 ♜e3 ♜xa4 30 ♜xa4 ♖xa4 31 ♜xc4 ♖a2

32 ♜f2 ♖b8 33 ♙e1 ♖a1 34 ♜f1 ♜c8 35 ♜d6 ♙xd6 36 ed ♖a4 37 d5 ♜e8 38 ♖e5 ♖d7 39 ♙xh4 ♜d2 40 ♜f2 ♜c4 41 ♖d4 ed 42 f5 ♜e1+ 0:1

SECTION 7

**2 ... e6 and 3 ... d5
— but not main line**



Preparing ... d5 with 2...e6 is one of the most natural and popular systems at Black's disposal. It could be argued that if White's best to 2 ... d5 is 3 ♜c3 then preparation isn't necessary! But in mitigation 2 ... e6 is often a handy move anyway and if White adopts the 2 ♜c3 move order then preparation certainly is useful.

Categorising the variations stemming from 2 ... e6 was no easy matter but four basic types can be identified. The main line is arrived at after 3 ♜f3 d5 4 ♜c3 ♜c6 5 ♙b5 and this is dealt with in section 8.

Section 9 is devoted to lines in which Black delays ... d5 for the time being. Section 10 deals with the various closed formations which can arise after 2 ... e6.

This section features lines in which 3 ... d5 is played but the main line is not

reached. Game 19 shows 4 exd5 in action which despite its ugly appearance contains a certain amount of venom.

The main alternative to 4 d3 is 4 b5+. A more usual reply than the experimental 4 ... d7 (game 20) is 4 ... d7. After 5 xd7+ the natural 5 ... xd7 seems to lose a pawn for inadequate compensation (game 21). The prudent 5 ... d7 gives a position in which White will put his pawns on White squares and claim he has the better bishop. (game 22).

The vigilant reader may notice that game 23 is in fact an Alekhine's Defence. But quite a few Sicilian 2 f4 lines can transpose into it so the darn thing had to go in somewhere.

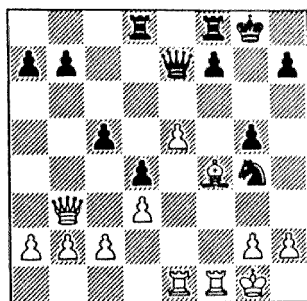
It appears in this section by virtue of the possible continuation 3 d3 d5 4 d3 d6 5 e5 d7 6 g3 (6 d4 gives a French Defence). It could have appeared with equal justification in sections 3, 4, 7, 8 or 10.

Game 19

□ Sikora Jansa ■
Frenstat (CSSR Ch) 1982

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 d3 d5 4 ed [A fairly innocuous idea is the attempt to set up a 'Big Clamp' with 4 e5. Day-Clayton, World Open 1979 continued 4 ... d6 5 g3 d6 7 e2 d5 7 d3 h5 8 c3 e7 9 d3 d7 10 d2 f6!? with counterplay for Black.] ed 5 b5+ d7 6 e2+ [Much more dangerous than the 6 xd7+ of Kurajica-Pritchett, London 1976. Play continued 6 ... d7 7 0-0 d6 8 d4 d7 9 e3 c4 10 d3 0-0 11 g4 e8 12 d2 b4 with an excellent game for Black] e7 7 0-0 xb5 8 e5 9 d7 9 d3 d6 10 e5 xe5 11 fe d4 12 e3 d6?! [12 ... 0-0-0 13 e4 f5! = Plachetka] 13 d5 0-0 14 d3 g4 15 e4

Rad8 16 xe7+ xe7 17 ael g5



18 h3 gf 19 hg e6 20 xf4 xb3 21 ab fe8 22 h2 e6 23 g3 de8 24 f5 a6 25 h1 a2 26 g5+ f8 27 xh7 xb2 28 gg7 xe5 29 xf7+ g8 30 fg7+ f8 31 xb7 e8 32 h8 mate 1:0

Game 20

□ Westerinen Boussios ■
Thessalonika 1981

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 d3 d5 4 b5+ d7 [4 ... d6 5 ed ed 6 e5 d7 7 xc6 is somewhat better for White] 5 xd7+ xd7 6 d3 c6 7 e5 d7 8 e2 g6 9 c4 e8 10 d3 d4 11 d1 g7 12 0-0-0 13 xc6 xc6 14 e5 f5 15 ef xf6 16 g4 e5 17 d2 ef 18 e4 f8 19 xf4 e6 20 g2 b6 21 h3 e6 22 g5 xf1+ 23 xf1 d7 24 f3 e6 25 f6 xf6 26 xf6+ g7 27 e8+ h6 28 g5+ 1:0

Game 21

□ Watson Conquest ■
London 1982

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 d3 d5 4 b5+ d7 5 xd7+ xd7 6 e5 c7 7 ed ed 8 f3 [8 d3 d6 9 f3 transposes after 9 ... d6, but in the game Larsen-Brinck-Claussen, Danish Ch. 1964 Black chose the inferior 9 ... d8. After 10 e2 e7 11 b5+ d6 12 xb7 b8 13 xa7 he found himself with nothing for his 'sacrificed' pawns] d6 9 d3 d6 10

♖e2 ♙e7 11 ♖b5+ ♜bd7 12 ♖xb7 0-0 13
 ♜xd7 ♜xd7 14 ♖xd5 ♙h4+ 15 g3 ♖xf4
 16 d3 ♚ae8+ 17 ♜e4 ♖g4 18 0-0 ♚e5 19
 ♖c4 ♖g6 20 ♙f4 ♚h5 21 ♚ae1 ♙e7 22
 ♜c3 ♙f6 23 ♜d5 ♙d4+ 24 ♖xd4 cd 25
 ♜e7+ ♜h8 26 ♜xg6+ hg 27 ♙d6 ♚c8 28
 ♚xf7 ♜f6 29 ♙e5 ♚e8 30 ♚xf6 ♚exe5 31
 ♚xe5 ♚xe5 32 ♚f2 ♚e1+ 33 ♚f1 ♚e2 34
 ♚f2 ♚e1+ 35 ♜g2 ♚a1 36 ♜f3 ♚xa2 37
 b3 a5 38 ♜e4 a4 39 ba ♚xa4 40 ♚f8+ 1:0

Game 22

□ Hodgson Delaney ■

Groningen (European Junior Ch) 1981-82
 1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 ♜f3 d5 4 ♙b5+ ♙d7 5
 ♙xd7+ ♜xd7 6 d3 ♙d6 7 c4 ♜e7 8 ♜c3
 d4 [Westerinen-Hansen, Esbjerg 1983
 went 8 ... 0-0 9 0-0 ♙c7 10 ♖e2 ♚e8 11 f5
 de 12 ♜g5 ♜f8 13 fe f6 14 ♜gxe4 b6 15
 ♙d2 ♙e5 16 ♚f3 ♜c6 17 ♚h3 ♚xe6 18
 ♖h5 ♖e8 19 ♖xe8 ♚exe8 with the better
 endgame for Black. But White's attack
 looked very dangerous and
 improvements (e.g. 13 f6) should be
 possible] 9 ♜e2 ♜c6 10 0-0 ♖c7 11 ♜g3
 0-0-0 12 e5 ♙e7 13 ♜e4 h6 14 a3 a5 15
 ♙d2 f5 16 ef gf 17 f5 ef 18 ♜g3 ♙d6 19
 ♜xf5 ♜de5 20 ♜xe5 ♙xe5 21 h3 h5 22 b4
 cb 23 ab ab 24 ♖a4 ♙d6 25 ♖b5 ♚h7 26
 ♚a8+ ♜d7 27 ♜xd6 ♚xa8 28 ♖f5+ ♜d8
 29 ♖e6 ♖e7 30 ♖g8+ ♜d7 31 ♖xa8
 ♜xd6 32 ♙f4+ ♜e5 33 ♖a5 ♜d7 34
 ♖d5+ ♜c7 35 ♖xd4 ♚g7 36 ♖d5 ♜c8 37
 ♚a1 1:0

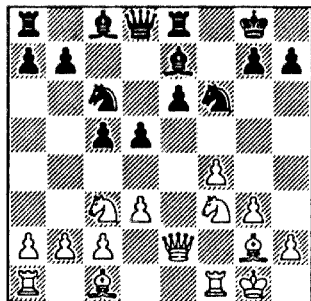
Game 23

□ Balashov Schmidt ■

Halle 1976

1 e4 ♜f6 2 ♜c3 d5 3 e5 ♜df7 4 f4 e6 5 ♜f3
 c5 6 g3 ♜c6 7 ♙g2 ♙e7 8 0-0 0-0 [In the
 game Balashov-Smit, USSR 1975. Black
 delayed castling but got his king caught
 in the centre. Play went: 8 ... a6 9 a4 ♖a5
 10 d3 b5 11 f5! b4 12 fe fe 13 ♜c2 ♜dx5

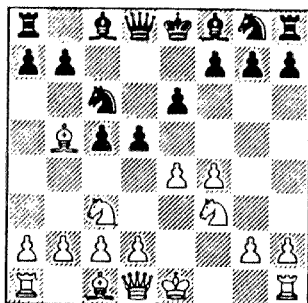
14 ♜xe5 ♜xe5 15 ♜f4 ♙f6 16 ♖h5+ g6
 17 ♖e2 ♙g7 18 ♜xd5! ed 19 ♙h6! ♙g4
 20 ♖e3 ♖c7 21 ♙xg7 ♖xg7 22 ♚ae1 with
 a winning position for White.] 9 d3 f6
 [The famous game Nimzovich-Alekhine,
 Semmering 1926 went 9 ... ♜b6 10 ♜e2
 d4 11 g4 f6 12 ef gf 13 ♜g3 ♜d5 14 ♖e2
 ♙d6 15 ♜h4 ♜cc7. With 16 ♜h5 White
 could have developed a dangerous
 attack.] 10 ef ♜xf6 11 ♖e2 ♚e8



12 ♙d2 ♙d6 13 h3 h6 14 ♚ae1 e5 15 fe
 ♜xe5 16 ♜xe5 ♚xe5 17 ♖d1 a6 18 ♙f4
 ♚xe1 19 ♖xc1 ♙xf4 20 ♚xf4 d4 21 ♜d5
 ♜xd5 22 ♙xd5+ ♜h8 23 ♖e5 1:0

SECTION 8

2 ... e6: main line



The sequence 1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 ♖f3 d5 4 ♗c3 ♗c6 5 ♘b5 represents the main line of 2 ... e6. Black can now choose between 5 ... ♗f6 and 5 ... ♗e7.

Some very strong grandmasters have shown a liking for 5 ... ♗f6 which indicates that it should be treated with respect. White seems to keep an edge with the plan used in game 24.

After 5 ... ♗e7 White normally plays 6 ed (game 25 featured the rare but reasonable 6 ♖e2) and again Black has a choice.

6 ... ♗xd5 is often applauded but White seems to get the better of it with 7 ♗e5 (game 26) and can also offer an interesting gambit with 7 0-0 (game 27)

After 6 ... exd5 White plays 7 ♖e2 and Black is at a crossroads yet again. 7 ... ♘g4 (game 28) seems clearly in White's favour which leaves 7 ... ♖d6.

Traditionally White has replied to this with 8 ♗e5 (game 29) but this seems to waste time against accurate defence. Kosten's 8 ♘xc6+ (game 30) looks like a dangerous improvement.

Game 24

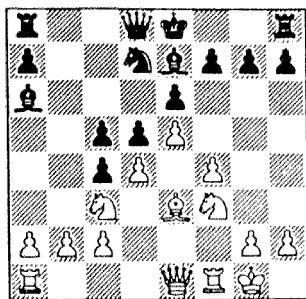
□ Foguelman

■ Marcussi

Cuba 1981

1 e4 c5 2 ♗c3 ♗c6 3 f4 e6 4 ♗f3 d5 5 ♘b5 ♗f6 6 e5 [The best. Black developed excellent counterplay after both 6 ♖e2 ♘e7 7 0-0 0-0 8 ♘xc6 bc 9 d3 e4 10 d4 ♗xe4 11 ♗xe4 de 12 ♖xe4 ♖d5 13 ♖e2 c5 (Bilek-Stein, Kecskemet 1968) and 6 d3 ♘e7 7 0-0-0 8 ♘xc6 bc 9 ♘d2?! (9 b3) ♘a6 10 e5 ♗d7 11 ♖e1 d4! 12 ♗e4 c4! (Hug-Gligoric, Skopje (ol) 1972)] ♗d7 7 ♘xc6 bc 8 d3 [Also possible is the immediate 8 0-0. Bangiev-Tukmakov, USSR 1979 continued 8 ... c4 9 b3 ♘a6 10 bc ♘xc4 11 d3 ♘a6 12 ♗e2 g6 13 ♘e3 ♖a5 14 h3 h5 15 ♗h2 with slightly the

better prospects for White] ♘a6 9 0-0 ♘e7 10 ♖e1 c4 11 d4 c5 12 ♘e3



♘b8 13 ♘b1 0-0 14 ♖g3 cd 15 ♗xd4 ♘c5 16 f5 ef 17 ♗xf5 ♘xe3+ 18 ♗xe3 ♘b6 19 ♗exd5 ♘g6 20 ♖f4 ♖g5 21 ♖xg5 ♘xg5 22 e6 fe 23 ♗e7+ ♗h8 24 ♘xf8+ ♗xf8 25 ♘f1 ♗g6 26 ♗e4 ♘g4 27 ♗d6 h5 28 h3 ♘d4 29 ♗xg6+ ♗h7 30 ♗f8+ ♗g8 31 ♗e8 c3 32 bc ♘d8 33 ♗xe6 ♘xe8 34 ♗c7 ♘xf1 35 ♗xe8 ♘c4 36 a3 ♘b5 37 ♗d6 ♘a4 38 h4 ♘xc2 39 ♗f2 ♗f8 40 ♗e3 a6 41 ♗d4 ♗e7 42 ♗e4 ♗e6 43 g3 ♗f5 44 ♗f2 g6 45 c4 ♗e6 46 ♗d3 a5 47 ♗e5 ♘f5 48 c5 ♘c2 49 ♗e4 a4 50 c6 ♘d1 51 ♗c5 1:0

Game 25

□ Konarkowska-Sokolov

■ Aseneva

Subotica 1967

1 e4 c5 2 ♗c3 ♗c6 3 f4 e6 4 ♗f3 d5 5 ♘b5 ♗e7 6 ♖e2 [6 ♗e5? has been shown to be dubious. Figler-Podgaets, USSR 1971 continued 6 ... d4! 7 ♘xc6+ ♗xc6 8 ♗xc6 bc 9 ♗b1 d3 10 e4 e5 with terrible problems for White.] d4 [6 ... de 7 ♗xe4 a6 8 ♘xc6+ ♗xc6 9 b3 ♘e7 10 ♘b2 0-0 11 0-0 also slightly favours White (Rossolimo-Zuckerman, USA Ch 1966-67)] 7 ♗d1 [Or alternatively 7 ♗a4 a6 8 ♘xc6+ ♗xc6 9 b3 ♘e7 10 d3 (Bangiev-Novikov, USSR 1978)] a6 8 ♘xc6+ ♗xc6 9 d3 ♘e7 10 0-0 b5 11 a4 ♘b7 12 b3 ♘c8 13 ♗f2 0-0 14 ♘d2 ♖c7 15 ♗g4 ♘f8 16

♖e1 ♙f8 17 f5 e5 18 ♜f6+! gf 19 ♖g4+
 ♙g7 [19 ... ♜h8 20 ♜f3 ♙g7 21 ♜h3 ♜g8
 22 ♜xh7+!] 20 ♙h6 ♜f8 21 ♙xg7+ ♜e8
 22 ♙xf6 ♜e7 23 ♖g3 c4 24 ♙xe5 ♖c5 25
 ab ab 26 bc bc 27 ♙f6 ♜a8 28 ♜xa8 ♜xa8
 29 ♖g5 ♜a3 30 ♙xe7 ♖xe7 31 f6 ♖d6 32
 ♖b5+ ♙c6 33 ♖xc4 ♜a4 34 ♖b3 ♜b4 35
 ♖a3 ♖b8 36 ♖c1 ♖b6 37 ♖f4 ♖c5 38 h3
 ♙d7 39 ♖g3 ♙e6 40 ♖g8+ ♜d7 41 ♖xh7
 ♖g5 42 ♖g7 1:0

Game 26

□ Hebden

■ Hort

London 1982

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 ♜f3 ♜c6 4 ♜c3 d5 5 ♙b5
 ♜e7 6 ed ♜xd5 7 ♜e5 ♙d7 [7 ... ♜xc3
 was successfully tried in Watson-Múrei,
 Brighton 1983. But instead of Watson's 8
 dc ♖xd1+9 ♜xd1 ♙d7 10 ♙xc6 ♙xc6 11
 ♜xc6 bc 12 ♙e3 White should try 8 bc. In
 that case he has good chances.] 8 ♙xc6
 ♙xc6 9 ♜xc6 bc 10 0-0 ♙e7 11 ♖e2 0-0 12
 ♜e4 ♜b6 13 ♜b1 ♜e8 14 b3 f5 15 ♜g3 [15
 ♜f2 and ♜d3 is interesting according to
 Hort] ♙f6 16 ♙a3 ♖d6 17 ♜h1 g6 18 ♖f2
 ♜d7 19 ♜e2? [White should play 19
 ♜bd1 with a slight edge] ♖xd2 20 ♖f3
 ♖xc2 21 ♖xc6 ♖xa2 22 ♖xd7 ♖xa3 23
 ♜g1 ♖a6 24 ♖d2 ♜ad8 25 ♖c2 ♜d5 26
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 ♖a2 ♜b4 30 g3 ♜d3 0:1

Game 27

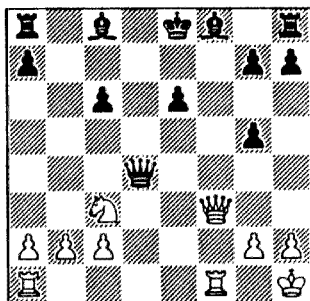
□ Korolov

■ Obutkhovsky

USSR 1973

1 e4 c5 2 ♜c3 ♜c6 3 f4 e6 4 ♜f3 d5 5 ♙b5
 ♜e7 6 ed ♜xd5 7 0-0 ♜xf4 8 d3 ♜g6 9
 ♜g5 f6 10 ♙xc6+ bc 11 ♖f3 ♜e5 12 ♖g3
 ♖d4+? [12 ... ♙e7 unclear] 13 ♙e3 ♖g4
 14 ♖f2! fg 15 d4 ed 16 ♙xd4 ♜f3+? [16 ...
 ♖f4] 17 ♖xf3 ♖xd4+ 18 ♜h1

see following diagram



18 ... ♖d7 19 ♜ad1 ♖c7 20 ♜e4 ♙a6 21
 ♖h5+ g6 22 ♜f6+ ♜f7 23 ♜d5+ ♜g7 24
 ♜xc7 gh 25 ♜d7+ ♜g6 26 ♜xa6 ♙g7 27
 ♜d6 ♜he8 28 ♜c7 ♜ad8 29 ♜xe8 ♜xe8
 30 ♜e1 ♜f5 31 c3 c5 32 ♜d7 ♙f6 ♜xa7
 ♜b8 34 ♜f1+ ♜g6 35 ♜a6 ♜f7 36 b3 h4
 37 ♜a7+ ♜g6 38 ♜a6 ♜e8 39 ♜c6 ♙xc3
 40 ♜xc5 ♙d4 41 ♜c6 ♜h5 42 h3 e5 43
 ♜ff6 g4 44 ♜f5 mate 1:0

Game 28

□ Zinn

■ Doda

Lugano 1968

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 ♜f3 ♜c6 4 ♜c3 d5 5 ♙b5
 ♜e7 6 ed ed 7 ♖e2 ♙g4 8 ♙xc6+ bc 9 0-0
 ♖d6 10 b3! c4 [10 ... ♖e6 11 ♖f2 ♙xf3 12
 ♖xf3 ♜f5 13 ♙a3 ♜d4 14 ♖d3 ♖f5 15
 ♜ae1+ ♜d7 16 ♖a6 led to disaster for
 Black in Rumens-Benjamin, Charlton
 1976] 11 bc ♖c5+ 12 ♜h1 ♖xc4 13 ♖e1
 f6 14 d3 ♖c5 15 ♜b1 ♜f7 16 ♜b3 ♖a5 17
 ♜d4 ♙d7 18 ♜b7 ♖d8 19 ♜a4 ♙c8 20
 ♜c5 ♖d6 21 ♙a3 ♙xb7 22 ♜xb7 ♖d7 23
 ♜c5 ♖c8 24 f5 ♜g8 25 ♖g3 ♜h6 26
 ♜ce6 ♜xf5 27 ♜xf5 g6 28 ♜xf6+ 1:0

Game 29

□ Hebden

■ Kristensen

Silkeborg 1983

1 e4 c5 2 f4 ♜c6 3 ♜f3 e6 4 ♜c3 d5 5 ♙b5
 ♜e7 6 ed ed 7 ♖e2 ♖d6 8 ♜e5 f6 [8 ...
 ♙d7? 9 ♙xc6 ♙xc6 10 ♜b5 ♖d8 11 0-0 f6
 12 ♜xc6 bc 13 ♜c3 ♜f7 14 f5! put Black

in terrible trouble in the game Rogoff-Tukmakov, Student Olympiad, Graz 1972] 9 xc6+ bc 10 f3 g6?! [10 ... g4! looks natural and strong] 11 b3 cf7 12 a3 xf4 13 xc5 f5 14 xf8 xf8 15 0-0 g8 16 ae1 d7 17 f2 f7 18 a4 d4 19 c5 d6 20 e4 d5 21 c4 dc 22 dc a5 23 c4 f8 24 h3 c7 25 d4 dg7 26 c5 e8 27 c2 h6 28 c4 f5 29 c3 h7 30 f3 dg7 31 h4 h5 32 e5 f6 33 c4 e6 34 d6 a5 35 d4 d8 36 e5 dg7 37 fe1 f4 38 ce4 f3 39 xf6+ xf6 40 f1 d5 41 xd5 cd 42 xf6 xf6 43 xf3 e6 44 d3 e5 1:0

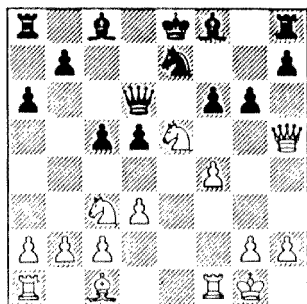
Game 30

□ Kosten

■ Rovid

Budapest 1984

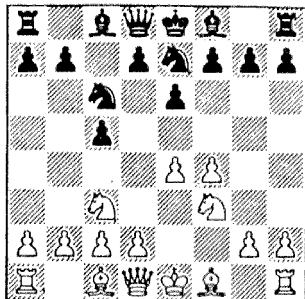
1 e4 c5 2 d3 e6 3 f4 d6 4 f3 d5 5 b5 e7 6 ed ed 7 e2 d6 8 xc6+ [Unusual but possibly the best. Another interesting variation is 8 0-0 g4 9 xc6+ xc6 10 h3 xf3 11 xf3 g6 12 f5! gf 13 d4! cd 14 e2 unclear which was played in Davies-Suba, Cardiff 1984.] 9 xc6 9 e5 d6 10 0-0 a6 11 d3 f6 12 h5+ g6



13 d6 14 f5 e5 15 d2 d4+ 16 f2 h4 17 e1+ cf7 18 fg+ hg 19 xd5+ cg 20 g3 h3 21 e4 h5 22 d8 1:0

SECTION 9

2 ... $\text{e6: delayed ... d5}$



By delaying ... d5 Black hopes to avoid the pressure to which he was subjected in the main line. After 1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 d3 d6 4 c3 d6 5 ... d4 and 5 ... a6 make White's pieces look silly.

But the lack of immediate tension allows White to change plan. After 3 d3 d6 4 b5 d6 5 e7 he can play 5 0-0 and after 5 ... a6 choose between a closed set-up with 6 e2 followed by d3 and c3 (game 31) and Westerinen's interesting formula initiated by 6 xc6 (game 32).

In addition White can play 3 d3 d6 4 c3 d6 5 d4 , opting for a favourable form of Open Sicilian, games 33 and 34 show Hebden's expertise with this plan.

In game 35 Black used a different method of delaying ... d5 by playing his knight to f6 rather than e7 . Black often gets blown away when he does this but Nemet's formula against Hebden looks playable.

Game 31

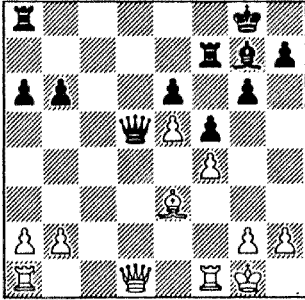
□ Miles

■ Reshevsky

Amsterdam 1977

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d6 3 d3 e6 4 b5 d6 5 0-

0 a6 6 ♖e2 g6 7 d3 ♘g7 8 c3 0-0 9 ♖e3 b6 [Larsen-Kavalek, Las Palmas 1974 varied with 9 ... d6 10 d4 cd 11 ♗xd4 ♗xd4 12 ♘d4 e5 13 fe when Black could have equalised completely with 13 ... ♗c6! But White should go 12 cd with similar play to Miles-Reshevsky] 10 d4 f5 11 e5 ♗d5 12 ♘d2 cd 13 ♗xd4 ♗xd4 14 cd d6 15 ♗c3 de 16 de ♘b7 17 ♘f3 ♗f7 18 ♗xd5 ♘xd5 19 ♘d5 ♗xd5 20 ♖e3



20 ... ♗e4 21 ♘xb6 g5 22 ♗d6 ♖e8 23 ♖acl gf 24 ♗fe1 ♗b7 25 ♗c6 ♖b8 26 ♘d4 ♖d8 27 ♗xb7 ♖xb7 28 ♖c4 ♗f7 29 ♖c3 ♘h6 30 ♖c6 ♖a7 31 ♗f2 ♖d3 32 ♖d6 ♖ad7 33 ♖xa6 ♘f8 34 ♖a5 ♖e7 35 ♗f1 ♘h4+ 36 ♗g1 ♖d1 37 ♖a4 ♗xf1+ 38 ♗xf1 ♖d1+ 39 ♗e2 ♖g1 40 g3 ♘g5 41 gf ♘h4 42 ♗d3 ♖h1 43 ♖b4 ♖xh2 44 a4 ♖h1 45 a5 ♖d1+ 46 ♗c2 ♖d7 47 a6 ♘f2 48 ♖b7 ♗e8 49 b4 ♖a7 50 ♖xd7 ♗xd7 51 ♗d3 1:0

Game 32

□ Westerinen Burbach ■
West Germany 1981

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 ♗f3 ♗c6 4 ♘b5 ♗ge7 5 0-0 a6 6 ♘xc6 ♗xc6 7 d3 d5 [In Westerinen-King, Lewisham 1981 Black tried 7 ... b5. But after 8 c4 ♖e7 9 ♗c3 ♗b6 10 ♖e3 ♘b7 11 ♖b1 0-0 12 b4 ♗d4 13 ♘d4 cd 14 c5 ♗a7 15 ♗e2 a5 16 a3 ab 17 ab he soon discovered that his pawn on d4 was indefensible] 8 c4 ♖e7 9 ed ed 10 ♗c3 dc

[Westerinen-Guill Garcia, Bochum 1981 varied with 10 ... d4 11 ♗e4 0-0 12 ♗e5 ♗xe5 13 fe ♗c7 and now Westerinen claims that 14 ♗f6+ gf 15 ef ♘d6 16 ♗h5 ♗h8 17 ♘h6 ♗g8 18 ♖a1 would have given him a winning attack] 11 dc 0-0 12 ♖e3 ♖e6 13 b3 ♘f6 14 ♖c1 b6 15 ♗e4 ♘d4 16 ♘xd4 cd 17 ♗e5 ♘d7 18 ♗h5 ♘e8 19 ♗f5 h6 20 ♖cd1 ♖a7 21 ♖f3 ♗e7 22 ♗f6+ gf 23 ♗xf6 ♘d7 24 ♗xf7 ♘g4 25 ♖g3 h5 26 ♖xd4 ♗xd4+ 27 ♗xd4 ♗xf7 28 h3 ♖d7 29 ♗e5 ♗g6 30 ♗g5 ♖e8 31 hg ♖d1+ 32 ♗h2 ♖e1 33 ♗f5+ ♗g7 34 ♖d3 ♖h1+ 35 ♗g3 h4+ 36 ♗f3 ♖hf1+ 37 ♗e4 ♖xd3 38 ♗xd3 ♖xf4 39 ♗d7+ ♗h6 40 ♗e3 ♖f1 41 ♗d6 ♗g5 42 ♗xb6 ♖e1+ 43 ♗f2 ♖e5 44 ♗xa6 ♗f4 45 ♗f3 ♗d3 46 ♗d6 ♗e1+ 47 ♗f2 1:0

Game 33

□ Hebden Kuligowski ■
Lewisham 1981

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 ♗f3 ♗c6 4 ♗c3 ♗ge7 5 d4 [5 g3 did not work out well in Ozsvath-Witkowski, Lublin 1969. Play continued 5 ... d5 6 ♘g2 d4 7 ♗e2 d3 8 cd ♗xd3 9 0-0 ♗xe4 when White didn't have enough for his pawn] cd 6 ♗xd4 ♗xd4 7 ♗xd4 ♗c6 8 ♗f2 d5 9 ♘d3! [9 ed gives Black too much freedom. Hug-Smyslov, Petropolis 1973 continued 9 ... ed 10 ♘d3 ♖e7 11 ♘d2 0-0 12 0-0-0 d4 13 ♗e4 ♗d5 with a good game for Black] ♖e7 10 0-0-0 11 ♖d1 d4 12 ♗e2 ♖c5 13 a3 a5 14 ♗h1 f6 15 ♗g1 ♗b6 16 ♗f3 ♘d7 17 ♗h4 ♖ad8 18 ♘d2 a4 19 ♖g1 ♗e7 20 g4 ♘b5 21 g5 ♗g6 22 ♗h5 f5 23 ♖g3 ♘xd3 24 cd ♖fe8 25 ♖h3 ♗f8 26 ♗e5 g6 27 ♗xg6 ♗c7 28 ♗xf8 ♖xf8 29 g6 ♖d7 30 ♖g1 ♗h8 31 ♖lg3 ♖g7 32 gh ♗f7 33 ♗f3 ♖e8 34 ♖xg7 ♗xg7 35 h8 ♗+ 1:0

Game 34

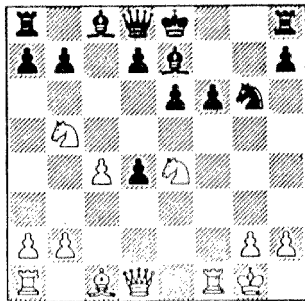
□ Hebden

■ Razuvaev

Manchester 1983

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 d3 f3 d6 4 d3 g7 5 d4 dxd4 6 dxd4 cd 7 ♗xd4 d6 8 ♖f2 b6 [A similar plan was seen in Sigurjónsson-Ciocaltea, Caracas 1970 which continued 8 ... ♗b4 9 ♗d3 0-0 10-0 d6 11 ♗e3 b6 12 ♖ad1 ♗xc3 13 bc ♖e7 14 ♖g3 f5 15 ♖fe1 ♖f7 16 efef 17 ♗b5 ±. Clearly 10 ... d6 doesn't fit in too well. The solid 8 ... ♗e7 9 ♗d3 0-0 10 0-0 d6 11 ♗e3 dxd3 12 cd b6 13 f5 gave White a nice position in Lazarević-Levitina, Yugoslavia 1983. Finally the experimental 8 ... ♖a5 9 ♗d3 ♗c5 10 ♗e3 ♗a3 proved unsuccessful in the game Hodgson-Favatsov, Leningrad 1983. After 11 ♗d2 ♗xb2 12 ♖b5 ♖a4 13 ♖b1 ♗d4 14 ♗xd4 ♖xd4 15 ♖xd4 ♗xd4 16 ♗c3 d6 17 ♗xg7 ♖g8 18 ♗f6 ♖xg2 19 e5 d4 20 ♖f1 ♖g4 21 ♖f2 d5 22 ♖hg1 ♖xf4+ 23 ♖e2 d7 24 ♖g7 d6 25 ♖xh7 White had a dangerous passed pawn] 9 ♗e3 ♗b4 10 ♗d3 0-0 11 0-0 ♗xc3 12 bc ♗b7 13 ♖ad1 f6 14 ♖d2 ♖e7 15 ♖fd1 ♖ad8 16 ♖e2 d6 17 ♗f2 d6 18 ♗b5 d6 19 e5 fe 20 fe ♖g5 21 ♗g3 d5 22 ♖d4 ♖c8 23 ♗h4 ♖h6 24 ♗e7 ♖f5 25 ♖h4 ♖g6 26 ♗d3 ♖xc3 27 ♗xf5 ef 28 ♗b4 ♖c8 29 ♗xa5 ba 30 e6 ♖c8 31 ♖e1 ♖f6 32 ♖xh7 ♖d4+ 33 ♖h1 ♖g4 34 ♖xg4 fg 35 ♖h4 ♗b7 36 ♖xg4 ♗c8 37 ♖a4 ♗xe6 38 ♖g1 ♖f7 39 ♖xa5 ♖c7 40 ♖a6 1:0

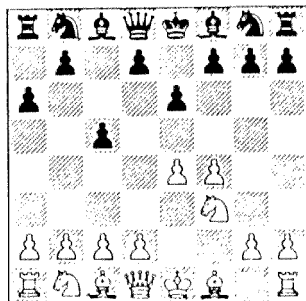
d4 7 fe de 8 d6 ♖d5 9 d3 dxf3+ 10 ♖xf3 ♖xe5 11 ♗e2 ♗e7 12 ♗f4 ♖xb2 13 0-0 with a dangerous attack.] d4 6 e5 dxb5 7 dxb5 d5 8 e4! [8 0-0 a6! is good for Black] dxf4 [A better try is 8 ... d6 4 as in Hebden-Nemet, Biel 1983. Play continued 9 d4 a6 10 d6+ ♗xd6 11 ed cd 12 a3 d6 13 0-0 b5 14 c5 ♗b7 15 ♖d3 ♖f6 with quite a reasonable position for Black.] 9 d4 d6 10 0-0 cd 11 d5 12 ef gf 13 d6 ♗e7



14 d6d6+ ♗xd6 15 dxd6+ ♖e7 16 ♖xd4 ♖a5 17 c5 18 ♖d5 ♖a4 19 ♖f7+ ♖d8 20 ♖xf6+ ♖c7 21 d6e8+ ♖xe8 22 ♖d6+ ♖d8 23 ♗g5+ d7 24 ♗xe7+ ♖xe7 25 ♖f8+ ♖c8 26 ♖xe8+ ♖xe8 27 ♖xc5+ ♖d8 28 ♖f6+ ♖c7 29 ♖d6+ 1:0

SECTION 10

2 ... e6: closed lines



Game 35

□ Hodgson

■ van Baarle

London 1978

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 d3 f3 d6 4 d3 e6 5 ♗b5 [The immediate 5 e5 is also interesting. A game Hodgson-Weidemann played in 1982 continued 5 ... d5 6 ♗d5 6 dxd5 ed 7 d4) 6 f5!?

If Black plays 2 ... e6 3 ♖f3 a6 he can prevent ♗b5 once and for all. On the other hand the time lost with ... a6 makes it more attractive for White to switch to a closed formation. This is what happened in game 36.

White often adopts a closed set-up without any encouragement from Black. Games 37 and 38 see an early ♗e2 played by the Canadian master Lawrence Day. This method of development is reminiscent of Tschigorin's 2 ♗e2 against the French and many positions can arise from either opening.

The idea behind these so-called 'Big Clamp' formations is that White's line of pawns will absorb any attempt by Black to open lines on the queenside while White calmly increases his space advantage on the other side. But White must be careful when adopting such a strategy as over-extravagant play can have him fall behind in development, fail to keep the lines closed and get pole-axed (game 39).

Finally in this section there is an example of 1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 e5!? (game 40) which transposes into Steinitz's old treatment of the French Defence. I doubt if it will really catch on but the idea is worth noting.

Game 36

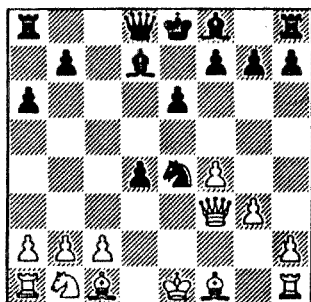
□ Pribyl

■ Bobotsov

Vrnjacka Banja 1971

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 ♖f3 a6 4 ♘c3 [If White wants to adopt a formation with ♗e2 then he should omit ♘c3. I recommend 4 ♗e2 ♗e7 5 g3 d5 and now 6 d3 rather than the dangerous 6 e5 ♗c6 7 ♗g2 h5 8 d3 h4! 9 g4 h3! of Westerinen-Conquest, Lewisham 1981] ♗c6 5 g3 [Alternatively White can play 5 d3 and 6 ♗e2] d5 6 d3 ♗f6 7 ♗e2? [Better is 7 ♗d2 ♗e7 8 ♗g2

b5 9 ♗e5 ♗b7 10 ♗xc6 ♗xc6 11 e5 ♗d7 12 ♗g4 (Hug-Bobotsov, Skopje (Ol) 1972) which offers even chances] ♗d4! 8 ♗xd4 cd 9 ♗b1 de 10 de ♗d7 11 ♗f3 ♗xe4!



12 ♗g2 ♗b4+ 13 ♗d2 ♗xd2 14 ♗xd2 ♗xd2+ 15 ♗xd2 ♗c6 16 ♗e2 ♗xc6 17 ♗xc6 ♗b6 18 ♗c1 0-0 19 ♗d1 ♗ac8 20 ♗b1 ♗c4 21 a4 ♗fc8 22 a5 ♗b4 23 ♗d2 f6 24 ♗a3 e5 25 ♗b3 ♗e7 26 fe fe 27 ♗c1 e4 28 ♗b6 d3 29 c3 ♗4c6 30 ♗xc6 ♗xc6 31 ♗e1 ♗f6 32 ♗e3 h6 33 ♗c1 ♗e6 34 ♗d2 ♗f7 35 ♗a1 ♗e8 36 ♗d4 ♗h5 0:1

Game 37

□ Day

■ Tisdall

Brighton 1980

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 ♗e2 ♗c6 4 ♖f3 ♗f6 5 c3 b6 6 g3 ♗e7 7 ♗a3 ♗b7 8 d3 a6 9 ♗c2 b5 10 ♗g2 ♗c7 11 0-0 0-0 12 ♗h1 ♗a5 13 ♗g5 b4 14 c4 b3 15 ♗e3 ba 16 ♗xa2 ♗b3 17 ♗h3 ♗d4 18 ♗d1 d6 19 ♗d2 a5 20 ♗c3 ♗d7 21 g4 ♗c6 22 g5 ♗fb8 23 ♗h5 a4 24 ♗f2 ♗b3 25 ♗a3 ♗xa3 26 ba ♗b8 27 ♗2g4 ♗d8 28 ♗xd4 cd 29 ♗c2 ♗c5 30 ♗xd4 ♗e8 31 f5 ♗xc5 32 f6 ♗xf6 33 ♗xf6+ gf 34 ♗h3 ♗f8 35 ♗xh7 ♗a5 36 ♗xe6 ♗xe4 37 ♗xe4 fe 38 ♗xe6 ♗a8+ 39 ♗g1 ♗b2 40 ♗xf6+ ♗g8 41 ♗f8+ ♗h7 42 ♗f7+ 1:0

Game 38

□ Day Blumenfeld ■

Marshall Invitational 1980

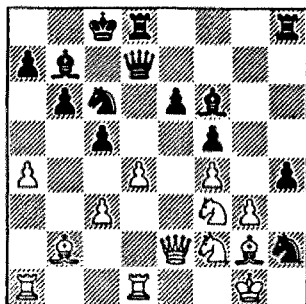
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Game 39

□ Bohm Kochiev ■

Le Havre 1977

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 d3 d5 4 dxd2 dxc6 5 dxf3 dxf6 6 c3 ♙e7 7 g3 b6 8 e5 dxc4 9 ♗e2 h5 10 ♙g2 ♙b7 11 a3 ♗d7 12 0-0 d4 13 dxe4 dc 14 bc 0-0-0 15 ♚d1 ♙a6 16 dxe1 f6 17 ef gf 18 a4 f5 19 dxf2 ♙f6 20 ♙b2 ♙b7 21 dxf3 h4 22 d4 dxc2



23 dc ♗f7 24 dxd4 dxd4 25 cd ♙xc2 26 ♘xc2 hg 27 dxc3 dxc4 28 ♚acl ♚xc3 29 cb+ ♘b8 30 ba+ ♘xa7 31 ♘xc3 ♚h8+ 32 ♘xc3 ♚h3+ 0:1

Game 40

□ Steinitz Schwarz ■

Vienna 1882

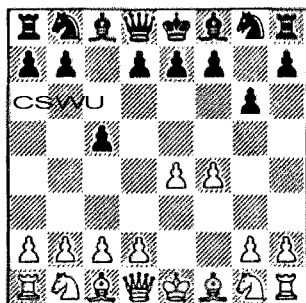
1 e4 e6 2 e5 c5 3 f4 dxc6 [Another example is Steinitz-Wiess, Vienna 1882 which continued 3 ... d5 4 ed ♙xd6 5 g3 ♙d7 6 dxf3 ♙c6 7 ♙g2 dxf6 8 0-0 dxc7 9 d3 0-0 10 dxc2 dxc6 11 ♗e2 ♗c7 12 b3 ♙e7 13

♙b2 a5 14 a4 dxd5 15 dxc4 dxc4 16 ♚acl d6d5 17 dfe5 ♙f6 18 ♗f2 ♙e8 19 g4 ♚d8 20 g5 ♙e7 21 dxc4 dxc6 22 ♗h4 dxd4 23 ♙e4 with a winning attack] 4 dxf3 dxc6 5 g3 ♙e7 6 ♙g2 0-0 7 d3 f6 8 ef ♙xf6 9 0-0 dxf7 10 c3 ♚b8 11 dxa3 b6 12 dxc2 ♙b7 13 dxe3 d5 14 dxc4 e5 15 dxc6+ gf 16 dxc4 dxe7 17 fe fe 18 ♗g4+ ♘h8 19 ♗h5 ♗e8 20 d4 ♙a6 21 ♚e1 cd 22 cd e4 23 ♙f4 ♚d8 24 ♚acl ♘g8 25 ♚c7 dxc8 26 ♗g5+ dxc6 27 ♚xa7 ♙d3 28 ♚cl dxc6 29 ♚xc7 ♚xf4 30 ♚h6 ♚d6 31 dxc6 1:0

SECTION 11

2 ... g6:

Independent lines



In the variation 2 f4 dxc6 3 dxf3 g6 4 ♙b5 ♙g7 5 ♙xc6, doubled pawns are inflicted which limit Black's possibilities for counterplay (see section 16). The idea behind 2 ... g6 is that after 3 dxf3 ♙g7 the move 4 ♙b5 is clearly pointless. White could of course play 4 dxc3 dxc6 and now 5 ♙b5, but then 5 ... dxd4 isn't bad (see section 17).

But after 2 ... g6 White can play 3 d4 when there are transpositional possibilities into the Pirc (3 ... ♙g7 4 d5 d6 5 dxf3 dxf6 6 dxc3), Modern (game 41)

or even King's Indian (3 ... ♔g7 4 d5 d6 5 c4) Defences. Game 42 shows the independent possibility of 3 ... cd.

By playing 3 ♖f3 ♔g7 and now either 4 d3 or 4 c3 White can adopt the closed formations considered in the next section. 4 g3 is also possible but Black then has 4 ... d5 (game 43). Black's loss was due to an excess of ambition rather than his opening.

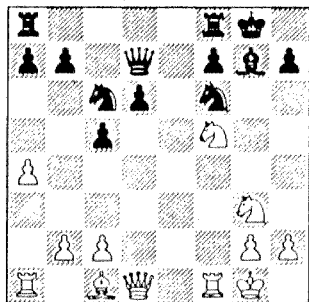
Game 41

□ Hodgson

Watson ■

Brighton 1983

1 e4 c5 2 f4 g6 3 d4 ♔g7 4 d5 d6 [4 ... a6!? was played in Westerinen-Jacobsen, Esbjerg 1983. Play continued 5 d6!? (5 c4 b5!) ed 6 ♖xd6 ♗e7 7 ♗xe7+ ♜xc7 8 ♜c3 d6 9 ♔e3 ♜bc6 10 0-0-0 ♔d4 with quite reasonable chances for Black] 5 ♜c3 [The immediate 5 ♔b5+ is not so dangerous as Black can reply 5 ... ♜d7. Westerinen-Forintos, Esbjerg 1983 continued 6 a4 a6 7 ♔c4 ♜gf6 8 ♜c3 0-0 9 ♜f3 ♜b6 10 ♔e2 ♔g4 11 0-0 ♔xf3 12 ♔xf3 ♜e8 with a sound position for Black] ♜f6 6 ♔b5+ ♜fd7 7 a4 0-0 8 ♜f3 ♜f6 9 0-0 e6? 10 de ♔xe6 11 f5 gf 12 ef ♔xf5 13 ♜h4 ♔g4 14 ♔e2 ♔xe2 15 ♜xe2 ♜c6 16 ♜f5 ♗d7 17 ♜eg3



17 ... ♔aè8 18 ♜xg7 ♜xg7 19 ♗f3 ♔e6 20 ♔h6+ ♜g8 21 ♗f4 ♜h8 22 ♔xf8 ♗d8 23 ♗g5 ♗xf8 24 ♔xf6 ♜e5 25 ♔xc6 fe 26

♜h5 1:0

Game 42

□ Westerinen

Kristensen ■

Esbjerg 1982

1 e4 c5 2 f4 g6 3 d4 cd 4 ♖xd4 ♜f6 5 e5 ♜c6 6 ♗d3 ♜g4 7 h3 ♜h6 8 g4 ♔g7 9 ♜f3 0-0 10 ♔g2 ♗b6 11 ♜c3 d6 12 ♜d5 ♗d8 13 0-0 ♔e6 14 c4 ♔c8 15 ♔e3 de 16 fe f6 17 ef ef 18 ♜d4 ♔d7 19 ♜xc6 ♔xc6 20 ♔xa7 ♜f7 21 ♔d4 ♜e5 22 ♔xe5 fe 23 ♔xf8+ ♔xf8 24 ♔f1 ♔c5+ 25 ♜h1 ♜g7 26 b3 b6 27 ♗e2 ♔d4 28 ♜f6 ♔xg2+ 29 ♗xg2 ♔c7 30 a4 ♔f7 31 ♜e4 ♔xf1+ 32 ♗xf1 ♗h4 33 ♜g2 h5 34 ♗e2 hg 35 hg ♜f8 36 ♗f3+ ♜e7 37 ♗g3 ♗h6 38 g5 ♗h5 39 ♗f3 ♗xf3+ 40 ♜xf3 ♜e6 41 ♜g4 ♔e3 42 b4 ♔c1 43 b5 ♔a3 44 ♜f3 ♔e7 45 ♜e3 ♜d7 46 ♜d3 ♜c7 47 c5 ♔xc5 48 a5 ♔e7 49 a6 ♔d8 50 ♜c4 ♜b8 51 ♜d5 ♔c7 52 ♜e6 1:0

Game 43

□ Hebden

Mestel ■

Hastings 1983-84

1 e4 c5 2 f4 g6 3 ♜f3 ♔g7 4 g3 d5 5 ed [5 e5 is premature. Day-Angantysson, World Open 1979 continued 5 ... f6! 6 ef ef 7 ♔g2 ♜e7 8 ♜f3 ♜bc6 9 0-0 and now Black should play 9 ... d4 with a good game] ♖xd5 6 ♜c3 ♗e6+ 7 ♔e2 ♜c6 8 0-0 ♜h6 9 b3 0-0 10 ♔b2 b6 11 ♜a4 ♔b7 12 ♔xg7 ♜xg7 13 ♔c4 ♗d6 14 c3 ♔ad8 15 ♗e2 ♔fe8 16 ♔ae1 ♜f5 17 ♜b2 ♜ed4 18 ♗e5+ f6 19 ♗xd6 ♜xf3+ 20 ♔xf3 ♜xd6 21 ♔fe3 ♜xc4 22 ♜xc4 ♜f7 23 d3 ♔c8 24 ♜f2 ♔f5 25 ♜b2 ♔d7 26 ♜e2 ♔ed8 27 ♜d2 h6 28 h4 ♔g8 29 ♔f1 ♔d5 30 a4 ♔g8 31 ♜c2 ♔h8d7 32 a5 ♔h5d6 33 c4 ♔e6 34 ♔xe6 ♜xc6 35 ♜c3 ♔h3 36 ♔e1+ ♜f5 37 ♜d1 ♜g4 38 ♔e3 ♔g2 39 ♜f2+ ♜f5 40 ♔e1 h5 41 ♔g1 ♔c6 42 ab ab 43 ♔a1 e5 44 fe ♜xe5 45 ♔f1 g5 46 hg fg 47 g4 ♔f3 48 gh g4 49 ♔e1+ ♜f5 50 ♔e8 ♜g5 51 h6 g3

SECTION 12

Closed lines (“Big Clamp” and “Antoshin”)

The so called “Big Clamp” is a method of play closely related to the Closed Sicilian. The difference is that White’s queen’s knight does not go to c3.

Games 37, 38 and 39 were examples of the ‘Big Clamp’ not being met by a Black king-side fianchetto. The present section is devoted to games in which he does fianchetto.

The line of pawns White sets up acts as a kind of shock-absorber. Black finds it difficult to open lines in the centre or on the queenside. White will gradually increase his space advantage, normally on the kingside, and eventually prepare a breakthrough. Games 44-46 show the ‘Big Clamp’ in action.

Another close strategic relative is a kind of reversed Antoshin variation of the Dutch Defence. It can be distinguished from a Big Clamp by the positioning of the king’s bishop on e2 rather than g2.

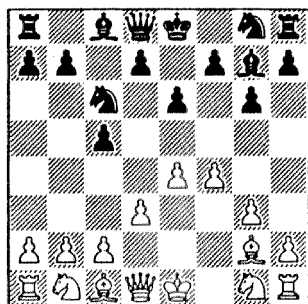
Game 47 shows the similarities to the ‘Classical Big Clamp’. Game 48 shows a difference - White does not have e4 so well defended which gives Black the possibility of an early c5-c4. All the same White seems to maintain a nagging space edge.

Game 44

□ Day MacLeod ■
Toronto 1978

1 e4 c5 2 d3 ♗c6 3 g3 g6 4 ♖g2 ♖g7 5 f4 e6
[5 ... d6 transposes into Korchnoi-

Karpov, Baguio (m) 1978. The game continued 6 ♗f3 ♗f6 7 0-0 0-0 8 c3 ♗b8 9 ♖e2 ♗e8 10 ♖e3 ♗c7 11 d4 cd 12 cd ♖g4 13 ♗d1 d5 14 e5 ♖d7 15 ♗c3 ♗fc8 16 ♖f1 b5 17 h3 ♖xf3 18 ♖xf3 b4 19 ♖g4 e6 20 ♗a4 ♗a5 21 ♗c5 ♖e8 22 ♖e2 ♗b7 23 ♗xb7 ♗xb7 24 ♗dcl ♖d7 25 ♗c2 b3 26 ab ♗xb3 27 ♖cl ♗b7 28 ♖a6 and White won the exchange and later on the game.]



6 ♗f3 ♗ge7 7 c3 d5 8 ♖e2 b6 9 ♗a3 ♖a6
10 e5 ♗f5 11 ♖e3 h5 12 ♗f2 ♖d7 13 ♗cl
♖f8 14 ♗c2 ♖e7 15 h3 ♗c8 16 ♖d2 ♗f8
17 ♗e2 b5 18 g4 ♗g7 19 b4 d4 20 cd cb 21
♗a1 ♖b7 22 ♗b3 ♖d8 23 ♖e3 a5 24
♗hg1 ♗b8 25 ♗xc8 ♖xc8 26 ♗fd2 ♗a6
27 ♗cl a4 28 ♗a5 ♖d7 29 ♗b7 ♖b6 30
♗c5 ♖c6 31 ♗xe6+ fe 32 ♗xc6 ♖a7 33
♗c8+ ♗e8 34 ♖e4 ♖d7 35 ♖c6 ♖xc6 36
♖xc6 ♗ac7 37 f5 gf 38 gf ef 39 d5 ♗f7 40
d6 ♗xd6 41 ♗xh8 h3 42 ab a3 43 ed a2 44
♖d4 ♖f6 45 dc ♖xd4 46 ♗a8 1:0

Game 45

□ Nickoloff Braga ■
Student Olympiad, Mexico City 1978
1 e4 c5 2 d3 ♗c6 3 g3 g6 4 ♖g2 ♖g7 5 f4 e6
6 c3 ♗ge7 7 ♗f3 0-0 8 ♗a3 ♗b8 9 0-0 b5
10 ♗c2 b4 11 d4 cd 12 cd d5 13 e5 b3 14 ab
♗xb3 15 ♗e3 ♖b6

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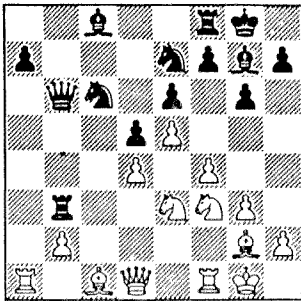
Game 47

□ Day

Ross ■

Toronto 1979

1 e4 c5 2 f4 g6 3 d3 ♖g7 4 c3 ♘c6 5 ♙e3 d6
6 ♙e2 ♜b8 7 a4 a6 8 ♘f3 ♘f6 9 ♘bd2 0-0
10 h3 b5 11 ab ab 12 d4 cd 13 cd d5 14 e5
♘e8 15 g4 ♘c7 16 ♘b3 f6 17 ♜c1 ♜b6 18
0-0 f5 19 ♘e1 e6 20 ♜f2 ♜f7 21 ♘d3 ♙f8
22 ♙f1 ♘a6 23 ♜fc2 ♘a7 24 ♙d2 b4 25
♙e1 ♜b8 26 ♙g3 ♜g7 27 ♘e1 ♙b6 28
♙d3 ♙b7 29 ♜a1 ♘c7 30 ♙e3 ♘cb5 31
♙f2 ♙c8 32 ♜a5 ♜c4 33 ♜a1 ♜g7 34
♘h2 ♜xc2 35 ♘xc2 ♘c3 36 ♙h4 ♜c8 37
gf ef 38 bc ♜xc3 39 ♙e2 ♜xb3 40 e6 ♜b2
41 e7 ♙xe7 42 ♙xe7 b3 43 ♙c5 ♙c6 44
♙g2 ♜xc2 45 ♙e7 ♜xc5 46 dc ♘b5 47
♙d8+ ♘f7 48 ♜e1 1:0



16 ♜f2 a5 17 ♙f1 ♙d7 18 ♙d3 ♜b8 19
♙c2 ♜b4 20 ♙a4 ♙a7 21 ♘c2 ♜b6 22 b3
♙c7 23 ♙d2 ♙f8 24 ♙e1 ♘b4 25 ♘xb4
ab 26 ♜c1 ♙b7 27 ♙xd7 ♙xd7 28 g4 ♜c6
29 ♜a1 ♜c2 30 ♙b1 ♜c7 31 ♙d3 ♜a7 32
♜af1 ♙b5 33 ♙e3 ♜ba8 34 ♘h4 ♘c6 35
f5 ♙b6 36 ♘f3 ♜a1 37 ♙f4 ♜xf1+ 38
♜xf1 ♙g7 39 ♙e3 h6 40 h4 ♙b5 41 h5 gf
42 gf ef 43 ♙xf5 ♘d8 44 ♜f2 ♜a1+ 45
♘g2 ♙c6 46 ♘h2 ♙e6 47 ♙f3 ♜b1 48
♜a2 ♙c6 49 ♘g4 ♜xb3 50 ♘f6+ ♘f8 51
♙d2 ♙c4 52 ♜a8 ♙xf6 53 ef ♘e8 54 ♙g4
♙c6 55 ♙g8+ ♘d7 56 ♙xd8+ ♘e6 57
♙e7+ 1:0

Game 48

□ Antoshin

Gorelov ■

Moscow Ch 1984

1 e4 c5 2 f4 g6 [Antoshin-Georgadze,
Nikolaev 1983 went 2 ... ♘c6 3 ♘f3 g6 4
d3 ♙g7 5 c3 ♘f6 6 ♙e2 0-0 7 0-0 c4 8 e5 cd
9 ♙xd3. ♘e8 10 ♙e2 d6 11 h3 ♘c7 12
♜d1 ♙d7 13 ♘a3 with White having a
slight space advantage.] 3 ♘f3 ♙g7 4 c3
♘f6 5 d3 d6 6 ♙c2 0-0 7 ♙e2 b6 8 0-0 ♙b7
9 f5 e4

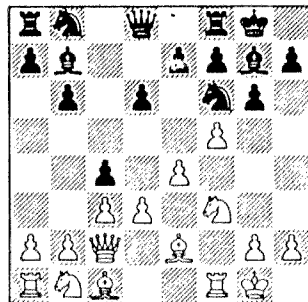
Game 46

□ Makarichev

Dolmatov ■

USSR Ch 1979

1 e4 c5 2 g3 ♘c6 3 ♙g2 g6 4 d3 ♙g7 5 f4 d6
6 ♘f3 e6 7 0-0 ♘ge7 8 c3 0-0 9 ♙e3 b6 10
♙f2 ♙d7 11 ♜e1 h6 12 d4 cd 13 cd ♙b7 14
♘c3 ♘h7 15 h4 ♜ae8 16 ♙h3 f5 17 h5 gh
18 d5 ed 19 ef ♘xf5 20 ♜xe8 ♙xe8 21
♙xf5 ♜xf5 22 ♙c2 ♙c8 23 ♜e1 ♙d7 24
♘h4 ♘g8 25 ♘xf5 ♙xf5 26 ♙xf5 ♙xf5
27 ♘xd5 ♘f7 28 ♜c1 ♙d7 29 b3 ♙b2 30
♜c2 ♙f6 31 b4 ♙d8 32 b5 ♘a5 33 a4 ♙f5
34 ♜c3 ♘b7 35 ♘b4 ♘c5 36 ♘c6 ♙f6 37
♙d4 ♘xa4 38 ♜a3 ♙c2 39 ♙xf6 ♘xf6 40
♘b4 ♙d1 41 ♘d5+ 1:0

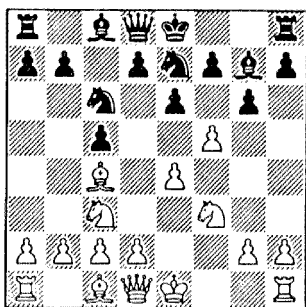


10 fg hg 11 ♘g5 cd 12 ♙xd3 ♘bd7 13 ♙f2
♙c8 14 ♙h4 ♜d8 15 ♘a3 ♘f8 16 ♙e3
♙g4 17 ♙f2 ♘h7 18 h3 ♙c8 19 ♘hx7
♘hx7 20 ♘b5 ♘g8 21 a4 ♜f8 22 ♙h4

♖d7 23 ♘d4 ♗c7 24 a5 ba 25 ♜f5 gf 26
 ♜xf5 ♜e8 27 e5 ♗c6 28 ♜g5 f5 29 ef ♜xf6
 30 ♜xa5 ♜f8 31 ♜af5 ♜d8 32 ♗h7 ♜a8
 33 ♜d4 d5 34 ♜xg7 ♜xg7 35 ♗h8+ ♜f7
 36 ♜xf6+ ef 37 ♗xd8 ♜e6 38 ♗b8 a6 39
 ♜h2 ♜b7 40 ♗g3 ♜xd4 41 cd ♗b6 42
 ♜g6+ ♜f8 43 ♜f5 ♗d8 44 h4 ♜c8 45
 ♗b8 1:0

SECTION 13

The aggressive 5 ♜c4: Black defends with 5 ... e6 6 f5 ♜ge7



Surprisingly, the game which did most to popularise this plan was not a Sicilian Defence but an English Opening. The game in question is Saidy-Fischer, New York 1969 which went: 1 c4 e5 2 ♜c3 ♜c6 3 g3 f5 4 ♜g2 ♜f6 5 d3 ♜c5 6 e3 f4 7 ef0-0 8 ♜ge2 ♗e8 9 0-0 d6 10 ♜a4 ♜d4! 11 ♜xd4 ed 12 h3 h5! 13 a3 a5 14 b3 ♗g6 15 ♜b2 ♜f5 16 ♗c2 ♜d7 17 ♜e1 ♜c5 18 ♜f1 ♜a6! 19 ♜d2 ♜b6 20 ♜xa5 ♜xb3, 21 ♜d2 ♜a8! 22 a4 ♜a6 23 a5 ♜h7 24 ♜ed1 b6 25 ♜e1 ba 26 ♜a4 ♜xd3! 27 ♜xd3 ♜xd3 28 ♗a2 ♜b4 29 ♗a3 ♜c2 30 ♗b2 ♜xa1 31 ♜xa1 ♜xa4 32 ♜xa4 ♗e4 33 ♜xa5 ♜xa5 34 ♜xa5 ♗e1+ 35 ♜h2 ♗xa5 0:1

Brilliant! And imagine what White can do with his extra tempo!

The system based on 5 ♜c4 is one of direct aggression. White will play f5, even at the cost of a pawn, and play for mate.

The positions that arise are often hair-raising to say the least. Both Black and White need a light breakfast and nerves of steel.

Black's methods of defence can be divided into three categories. This section will deal with 5 ... e6 6 f5 ♜ge7. Section 14 will deal with 5 ... d6 6 0-0 ♜f6 and section 15 with 5 ... d6 6 0-0 e6.

After 5 ... e6 6 f5 ♜ge7 White plays 7 fe. Game 49 shows the solid 7 ... de in action although White seems to have some pressure.

The alternative 7 ... fe leads to wild complications. White can choose between 8 d3 and 8 0-0. The former allows 8 ... d5 9 ♜b3 b5! (game 50) but keeps the possibility of 8 d3 0-0 9 ♜g5 (game 51). This is not the case with 8 0-0 (game 52).

Black won all four games with 7 ... fe but that does not necessarily indicate what is happening. White had clear improvements in all of them.

Game 49

□ Ciocaltea

■ Liebert

Varna 1970

1 e4 c5 2 ♜c3 ♜c6 3 f4 g6 4 ♜f3 ♜g7 5
 ♜c4 e6 6 f5 [6 e5 is interesting when
 Ammann-Nikolaiczuk, Biel 1976
 continued 6 ... d6 7 ed ♗xd6 8 ♜e4 ♗e7 9
 0-0 ♜h6 10 ♜e5 ♜xe5 11 fe ♜xe5 12 d4!?
 with a dangerous initiative for White. But
 Black can do better with 7 ... ♜f6 as in
 Barle-Ribli, Bled/Portoroz 1979. Play
 continued 8 d4 cd 9 ♜xd4 0-0 10 ♜xc6 bc
 11 0-0 ♜d5 12 ♜e4 f5 13 ♜g5 ♗xd6 with
 an interesting struggle in prospect] ♜ge7
 [6 ... gf is very risky, Gik-Kimelfeld,
 USSR 1968 continued 7 d3 ♜ge7 8 0-0 d5

9 ed ed 10 ♘b3 ♘e6 11 ♕g5 ♖d7 12 ♕e2 h6 and now 13 ♕h3 looks even more dangerous than Gik's choice of 13 ♕f3.] 7 fe de 8 0-0 0-0 9 d3 ♘d7 [9 ... ♕a5 10 ♘b3 ♕xb3 11 ab ♕c6 is Hodgson-Silva, London 1978. 12 ♘e3 looks slightly better for White. Other possibilities are 9 ... a6 10 a4 ♕d4 11 ♕xd4 cd 12 ♕e2 ♕c6 13 ♖e1 ♕a5 14 ♘a2 ♘d7 15 ♘d2 ♕c6 16 ♕f4 (Geljżinis-Eljanov, USSR 1981) and 9 ... ♕d4 10 ♕xd4, both of which are slightly in White's favour] 10 ♖e1 ♕d4 11 ♕xd4 cd 12 ♕e2 ♕c6 13 ♘d2 ♖h8 14 ♕f4 e5 15 ♕e2 ♖e7 16 b4 ♕d8 17 b5 ♕e6 18 ♘b4 ♕c5 19 c3 ♖ac8 20 cd ed 21 ♕f4 b6 22 a4 ♘e6 23 ♕xe6 fe 24 ♖g3 e5 25 ♖g4 ♘h6 26 g3 ♘e3+ 27 ♖g2 ♖xf1 28 ♖xf1 ♖f8 29 ♘xc5 ♖xc5 30 ♖e6 ♖g7 31 ♖f7+ ♖xf7 32 ♖xf7+ ♖h6 33 h4 ♖c8 34 ♘e6 ♖c2+ 35 ♖h3 ♖f2 ½:½

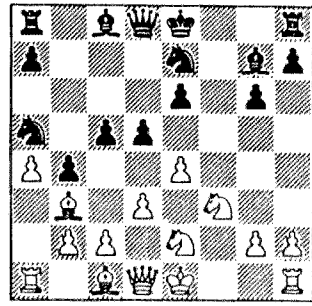
Game 50

□ Stein **Liberzon ■**
Israeli Ch 1978

1 e4 c5 2 ♕c3 ♕c6 3 f4 g6 4 ♕f3 ♘g7 5 ♘c4 e6 6 f5 ♕ge7 7 fe fe 8 d3 d5 9 ♘h3 b5 10 a4 [10 ♕xb5 looks bad after 10 ... ♖a5+ 11 ♕c3 d4 12 0-0 de 13 bc 0-0 14 ♕g5 (Bilek-Ribli, Hungary 1969) and now either 14 ... ♖xf1+ 15 ♖xf1 ♕d8 or the immediate 14 ... ♕d8. 10 a3 is the most solid move leading to complicated play after 10 ... a6 11 0-0-0 12 ♘g5 c4 13 ♘a2 de 14 ♕xe4 cd 15 cd ♖b6. Last but not least White can sacrifice a piece with either 10 ed ed 11 ♕xb5 ♖a5+ 12 ♕c3 d4 13 0-0 de 14 bc ♖xc3 15 ♖b1 unclear or 10 ed ed 11 ♕xd5!?! unclear] b4 11 ♕e2 ♕a5! ♢

see following diagram

12 0-0 de 13 ♕g5 ♕xb3 14 cb ♖xd3 15 ♖e1 ♕f5 16 ♕f4 ♖d4+ 17 ♖h1 ♖e5 18 g4 ♕d6 19 ♕fxc6 ♘xe6 20 ♘f4 ♖d5 21



12 ♕xe6 e3+ 22 ♖g1 ♖xe6 23 ♘xd6 ♘d4 0:1

Game 51

□ Hebden **Speelman ■**
British Ch 1982

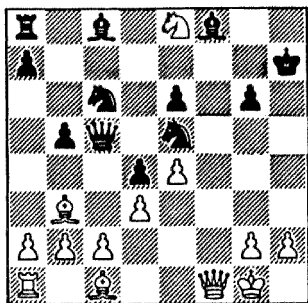
1 e4 c5 2 f4 g6 3 ♕f3 ♘g7 4 ♕c3 ♕c6 5 ♘c4 e6 6 f5 ♕ge7 7 fe fe 8 d3 0-0 9 ♘g5 h6 10 ♘h4!?! [10 ♘xe7] g5 11 ♘f2 d5 [11 ... b6] 12 ♘b3 g4 [12 ... ♕d4 was played in Knezević-Smejkal, Smederevska Palanka 1971. Play proceeded 13 ♘xd4 cd 14 ♕e2 ♖b6 15 0-0 de 16 ♕d2 ♖xf1+ 17 ♖xf1 e3 18 ♕e4 ♕d5 19 h4 gh 20 ♖f4 ♘d7 21 ♕xd5 ed 22 ♘xd5+ ♘e6 23 ♖f5 ♘xd5 24 ♖xd5+ ♖h8 25 ♕d6 ♖f8. White's attack fell short and he lost, but only by a whisker.] 13 ♕d2 e4 14 de d4 15 ♕a4 ♖xf2 16 ♖xf2 ♖a5 17 ♖f1 ♘d7 18 ♖g1 ♕e5 19 c3 ♘xa4?! [Speelman gives 19 ... d3 unclear] 20 cd ♕d3 21 ♖g4 [?? according to Speelman who gives 21 ♘xa4] ♖xd2 22 ♖xe6+ ♖h8 23 ♘xa4 ♖xb2 24 ♖ad1 ♖xd4+ 25 ♖h1 ♕c6 26 ♖d2 ♖e3 27 ♘xc6 ♖xd2 0:1

Game 52

□ W. Watson **Johansen ■**
British Ch 1982

1 e4 c5 2 f4 g6 3 ♕f3 ♘g7 4 ♕c3 ♕c6 5 ♘c4 e6 6 f5 ♕ge7 7 fe fe 8 0-0 0-0 9 d3 d5 10 ♘b3 d4 [Howell-Horvath, Groningen 1983-84 went 10 ... ♕a5 11 ed ♕xb3 12 ab ed 13 ♘g5 d4 14 ♖c1 ♖c8 15 ♕e4 when

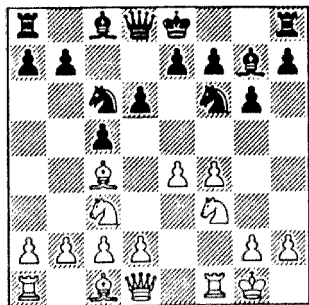
White was clearly better.] 11 ♖a4 b5 12 ♜xc5 ♜d6 13 ♜g5 ♜xc5 14 ♜xf8+ ♜xf8 15 ♜f1 ♜e5 16 ♜xh7 ♜7c6 17 ♜f6+ ♜g7 18 ♜e8+ ♜h7 19 ♜f6+ ♜g7 20 ♜e8+ ♜h7



21 ♜f2 ♜e7 22 ♜f4 g5 23 ♜g3 ♜d8 24 ♜d2 ♜d7 25 ♜f4 ♜d7 26 ♜xe5 ♜xe5 27 ♜c7 ♜xg3 28 hg ♜c8 29 ♜xe6 ♜e5 30 ♜f1 ♜xe6 31 ♜xe6 ♜xc2 32 ♜f5 ♜c1+ 33 ♜f2 ♜xd3+ 34 ♜e2 ♜c5 35 ♜d5 d3+ 36 ♜d2 ♜c2+ 37 ♜d1 ♜a4 0:1

SECTION 14

The aggressive 5 ♜c4: Black defends with 5 ... d6 6 0-0 ♜f6



Against this method of defence White will again adopt the plan of d3, ♜e1, ♜h4 and f5. But what is crucial is the order in

which these moves are played.

In game 53 White adopts the conservative method of playing 7 d3, 8 ♜e1 and only later f5. This is solid enough but Black can take the steam out of the attack with a timely ... e6.

The critical line is the immediate 7 f5 which led to a powerful attack in game 54. Black can also try 7 ... e6 transposing into game 55 (next section).

Game 53

□ Vorotnikov

Shashin ■

USSR 1972

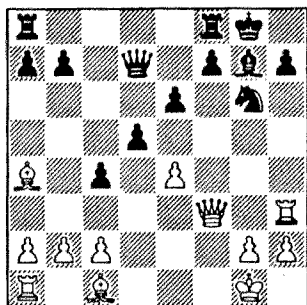
1 e4 c5 2 ♜c3 d6 3 f4 g6 4 ♜f3 ♜g7 5 ♜c4 ♜c6 6 0-0 ♜f6 7 d3 [The immediate 7 ♜e1 was tried in Dorfman-Polugaevsky, USSR Ch 1976. Play continued 7 ... 0-0 8 f5 e6! 9 fe 10 e5! de 11 d3 ♜d4 12 ♜b3 ♜d5 13 ♜xd4 ♜xf1+ 14 ♜xf1 ed 15 ♜e4 b6 16 ♜g5 ♜d7 17 ♜h6 ♜e7 18 ♜g5 ♜d7 1/2:1/2] 0-0 [7 ... a6 8 ♜e1 transposes into Rumens-Ginsberg, London 1981. White won quickly after 8 ... ♜d4 9 ♜b3 e6 10 f5 ♜e7 11 fe ♜xc6 12 ♜xd4 cd 13 ♜e2 ♜d7 14 ♜f2 ♜e5 15 ♜xd4 ♜g4 16 ♜xc6 ♜xf2 17 ♜xg7+ ♜d7 18 ♜xf2 ♜af8 19 ♜d2 ♜c8 20 ♜af1 1:0] 8 ♜e1 ♜d4 [Rumens-Roberts, London 1977 went 8 ... a6 9 ♜h4 ♜d4 10 f5 ♜xf3+ 11 ♜xf3 b5 12 ♜b3 gf 13 ♜g5 fe 14 ♜xe4 ♜xe4 15 ♜xe7 ♜d4+ 16 ♜h1 ♜f6 17 ♜xf6 ♜xe7 18 ♜g6+ and White won. The best defence is 8 ... e6! 9 ♜h4 d5] 9 ♜b3 ♜xb3 10 ab ♜d7 11 f5 gf 12 ♜h4 fe 13 ♜g5 h6 14 ♜gxe4 ♜xe4 15 ♜xe4 ♜h7 16 ♜f3 f6 17 ♜g3 f5 18 ♜g5 ♜f6 19 ♜xf6 ♜xf6 20 ♜h5 e6 21 ♜f7+ ♜h8 22 ♜e1 ♜d4+ 23 ♜f1 ♜e5 24 ♜xe5 de 25 ♜h5 ♜g5 26 ♜f6 ♜c1+ 27 ♜f2 ♜d2+ 28 ♜g1 ♜c1+ 29 ♜f1 ♜e3+ 30 ♜h1 1:0

□ Hodgson

Nunn: 3

London 1978

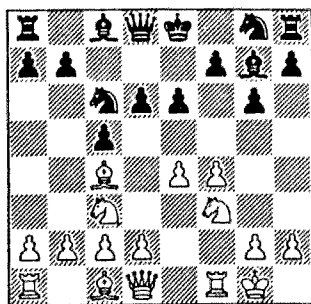
1 e4 c5 2 f4 ♖c6 3 ♜f3 g6 4 ♜c3 ♙g7 5
 ♙c4 d6 6 0-0 ♜f6 7 f5 0-0 8 d3 g9 ♗e1 fe
 [After 9 ... ♜a5 White can choose
 between 10 ♗h4 ♜xc4 11 dc fe 12 ♜g5
 and 10 ♙d5 fe (10 ... e6? 11 ♙g5!) 11 ♜g5
 e6 12 ♜xf6 ♗xf6 13 ♙xe4 (Bellon-
 Merino, Orense 1974) with a powerful
 attack in either case. 9 ... ♜d4 10 ♙b3
 ♙d7 11 ♗h4 ♜xb3 12 ab ♜e8 13 ♜g5 is
 Balashov-Tseitlin, USSR 1969] 10 de
 ♙g4 11 ♗h4 ♙xf3 12 ♜xf3 ♜e5 13 ♜h3
 ♜g6 [13 ... ♜xc4? 14 ♜d5!] 14 ♗g3 ♗d7
 15 ♜d5 ♜xd5 16 ♙xd5 e6 17 ♙b3 d5 18
 ♗f3 c4 19 ♙a4!



19 ... ♗xa4 20 ♗h5 ♜fd8 21 ♗xh7+ ♜f8
 22 ♙h6 ♙xh6 23 ♜xh6 ♜d7 24 ♜f1 ♜e8
 25 ♗g8+ ♜f8 26 ♜xe6+ ♜d8 27 ♗xf8+
 ♜c7 28 ♗c5+ ♜d8 29 ♜h6 1:0

SECTION 15

The aggressive 5 ♙c4: black defends with 5 ... d6 6 0-0 e6



After 5 ... d6 6 0-0 e6 White usually
 sacrifices a pawn with 7 f5. But he can
 wait a while with 7 ♗e1 and Black can
 decline with 7 ... a6 or 7 ... ♜f6 (game 55).

Black usually accepts the pawn with 7
 ... ef 8 d3 ♜ge7 when White plays the
 thematic 9 ♗e1. The reply 9 ... a6 was
 tried in game 56 and 9 ... ♜e5 and the
 suicidal 9 ... 0-0 are incorporated in the
 notes.

The main line is 9 ... h6 (game 57) when
 White does best to play quietly with 10
 ♗e1, 10 ♜h1 or 10 ♙d2 rather than jump
 straight in with 10 ef.

Game 55

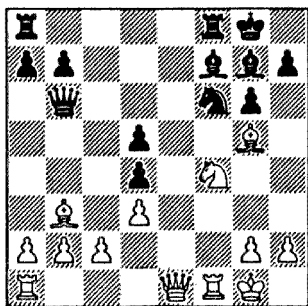
□ Dueball

Parma ■

Berlin 1971

1 e4 d6 2 f4 c5 3 ♜f3 ♜c6 4 ♜c3 g6 5 ♙c4
 ♙g7 6 0-0 e6 7 f5 [Rumens has shown a
 preference for 7 ♗e1 ♜ge7 8 ♗h4.
 Rumens-Rooney, Thanet 1978 went 8 ...
 ♜d4 9 ♜xd4 cd 10 ♜e2 0-0 11 f5! ef 12 d3
 ♜c6 13 ♙g5 ♗c7 14 ♜f4 ♜e5 15 ♜d5
 ♗a5 16 b4 ♗a3 17 ♙f6 ♙e6 18 ♗h6 1:0.
 Rumens-Whiteley, Nottingham 1978
 went 8 ... a6 9 d3 b5 10 ♙b3 ♜a5 11 f5 gf
 12 ♙g5 ♗c7 13 ♜ael ♜xb3 14 ab b4 15
 ♜d5 ♜xd5 16 ed e5 17 ♙f6 ♜f8 18
 ♙xg7+ ♜xg7 19 ♗g5+ ♜f8 20 ♗h6+
 ♜c7 and now 21 ♗g7 ♗d8 22 ♜xe5 de 23
 ♜xe5+ would have won] ♜f6 [Another
 solid move is 7 ... a6. Bisguier-Bellon,

Palma de Mallorca 1971 continued 8 fe fe 9 d3 b5 (9 ... $\text{d}4?$! 10 $\text{g}5!$ as in Pribyl-Sursock, Vrnjacka Banja 1972, is dangerous) 10 $\text{b}3$ $\text{f}6$ 11 a4 b4 12 $\text{e}2$ 0-0] 8 d3 0-0 9 fg fg 10 $\text{we}1$ $\text{d}4$ 11 $\text{d}4$ cd 12 $\text{e}2$ d5 13 ed ed 14 $\text{b}3$ $\text{wb}6$ 15 $\text{g}5$ $\text{e}6$ 16 $\text{f}4$ $\text{f}7$



17 $\text{xf}6$ $\text{xf}6$ 18 $\text{xd}5$ $\text{wd}6$ 19 $\text{xf}7+$ $\text{xf}7$ 20 $\text{we}4$ $\text{g}5$ 21 $\text{d}5$ $\text{hd}7$ 22 c4 dc 23 $\text{xc}3$ $\text{wd}4+$ 24 $\text{wd}4$ 1/2:1/2

Game 56

□ Hodgson Shamkovich ■

Brighton 1982

1 e4 c5 2 f4 $\text{c}6$ 3 $\text{f}3$ d6 4 $\text{c}3$ g6 5 $\text{c}4$ $\text{g}7$ 6 0-0 e6 7 f5 ef [7 ... gf 8 d3 $\text{e}7$ is too risky. Bohosjan-L. Popov, Bulgaria 1971 went 9 $\text{g}5!$ h6 10 $\text{xf}7$ $\text{xf}7$ 11 ef with a strong attack] 8 d3 $\text{e}7$ [8 ... $\text{f}6$ was played in Timman-Baljan, Dutch Ch 1978. After 9 $\text{we}1$ 0-0 10 $\text{wh}4$ $\text{d}4$ 11 $\text{g}5$ $\text{e}6$ 12 $\text{d}4$ cd 13 ef! dc 14 fe d5? 15 e7! $\text{we}7$ 16 $\text{b}3$ cb 17 ael White was winning] 9 $\text{we}1$ a6 [Another possibility is 9 ... $\text{e}5$ which White should meet with either 10 $\text{xe}5$ de 11 $\text{g}5$ (Ghizdavu) or 10 $\text{g}5$ h6 11 $\text{xe}5$ $\text{xe}5$ 12 $\text{b}5+$ unclear (Ammann-Barcza, Basel 1971). 9 ... 0-0 on the other hand proved disastrous in Tarjan-Rattinger, Mayaguez 1971 which went 10 $\text{wh}4$ $\text{wd}7$ 11 $\text{h}6$ fe 12 $\text{g}5$ $\text{wg}4$ 13 $\text{xf}7$ $\text{xh}4$ 14 $\text{xg}7+$ $\text{h}8$ 15 $\text{hx}7$ mate 1:0]

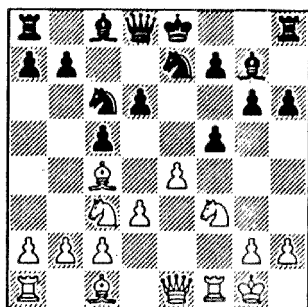
10 ef $\text{xf}5$ 11 $\text{g}5$ $\text{e}5$ 12 g4 $\text{xg}4$ 13 $\text{xf}7$ $\text{wd}7$ 14 $\text{xe}5$ $\text{xe}5$ 15 $\text{f}7+$ $\text{d}8$ 16 $\text{g}5$ h6 17 $\text{xe}7+$ $\text{xe}7$ 18 $\text{d}5$ $\text{d}4+$ 19 $\text{h}1$ xel 20 $\text{xax}1$ $\text{d}7$ 21 c3 $\text{g}7$ 22 $\text{xg}6$ $\text{c}6$ 23 $\text{e}4$ $\text{e}8$ 24 $\text{b}6$ $\text{b}8$ 25 $\text{f}7$ d5 26 $\text{xg}7$ de 27 de $\text{f}8$ 28 $\text{d}1+$ $\text{e}8$ 29 $\text{d}6$ $\text{f}7$ 30 $\text{xf}7$ $\text{xe}4+$ 31 $\text{g}1$ $\text{xf}7$ 32 $\text{hx}6$ $\text{d}8$ 33 $\text{f}2$ $\text{g}6$ 34 $\text{e}1$ $\text{e}8+$ 35 $\text{d}2$ $\text{d}8+$ 36 $\text{e}1$ $\text{e}8+$ 37 $\text{d}2$ $\text{d}8+$ 38 $\text{e}1$ 1/2:1/2

Game 57

□ Hodgson Malifaustas ■

Leningrad 1983

1 e4 c5 2 $\text{c}3$ $\text{c}6$ 3 f4 g6 4 $\text{f}3$ $\text{g}7$ 5 $\text{c}4$ d6 6 d3 e6 7 f5 ef 8 0-0 $\text{e}7$ 9 $\text{we}1$ [9 a3 h6 10 $\text{we}1$ (Chiburdanidze-Alexandria, Women's World Ch, Borgoni 1981) looks too slow. 10 ... $\text{e}5$ looks like a good move when ideas based on $\text{g}5$ (after 9 $\text{we}1$ $\text{e}5$ 10 $\text{g}5$ might be the best) are no longer possible] h6

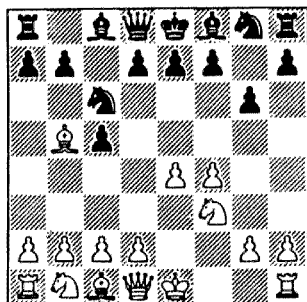


10 $\text{g}3$ [The strongest possibility is 10 ef $\text{xf}5$ 11 g4 but this was supposedly refuted by 11 ... $\text{c}8!$ 12 $\text{g}5!$? hg 13 $\text{xf}7+$ $\text{d}7$ 14 $\text{xg}5$ $\text{d}4+$! 15 $\text{g}2$ $\text{e}5$ 16 h3 (or 16 h4 $\text{wb}6$ 17 $\text{b}3$ $\text{wb}4!$ 18 $\text{wd}1$ $\text{h}7$ —+ as in Ammann-Tatai, Basel 1971) $\text{wb}6$ 17 $\text{b}3$ $\text{h}7$ when White doesn't have enough for his sacrificed piece (Ammann-Hartoch, Basel 1971). Strangely enough a game

Peresypkin-Kravchenko, USSR 1979 went 10 $\text{e} \times \text{f}5$ 11 $\text{g}4$ $\text{d} \times \text{g}4?$ 12 $\text{d} \times \text{f}7+$ $\text{c} \times \text{f}7$ 13 $\text{d} \times \text{e}5+$ $\text{c} \times \text{g}8$ 14 $\text{d} \times \text{g}4$ with good attacking chances for White. Had the earlier games with 11 ... $\text{d} \times \text{c}8!$ been forgotten or does White have something better? Besides 10 $\text{c} \times \text{g}3$ and 10 $\text{e} \times \text{f}$ White has tried two other moves. 10 $\text{c} \times \text{h}1!$? $\text{d} \times \text{e}6$ 11 $\text{e} \times \text{f}5$ 12 $\text{d} \times \text{h}4$ 0-0 13 $\text{d} \times \text{d}5$ $\text{d} \times \text{c}8$ 14 $\text{c} \times \text{g}3$ $\text{d} \times \text{d}5$ 15 $\text{d} \times \text{d}5$ $\text{d} \times \text{e}7$ 16 $\text{d} \times \text{b}3$ $\text{d}5$ 17 $\text{c}3$ $\text{d} \times \text{e}6$ 18 $\text{d} \times \text{d}2$ $\text{c} \times \text{b}6$ 19 $\text{d} \times \text{a} \times \text{e}1$ (Ermenkov-Kuligowski, Warsaw 1979) and 10 $\text{d} \times \text{d}2$ $\text{d} \times \text{e}6$ 11 $\text{e} \times \text{f}5$ 12 $\text{g}4$ $\text{d} \times \text{g}4$ 13 $\text{d} \times \text{f}7+$ $\text{c} \times \text{f}7$ 14 $\text{d} \times \text{e}5+$ $\text{c} \times \text{g}8$ 15 $\text{d} \times \text{g}4$ $\text{c} \times \text{d}7$ 16 $\text{c} \times \text{g}3$ $\text{d} \times \text{e}5$ 17 $\text{h}3$ $\text{d} \times \text{g}4$ 18 $\text{h} \times \text{g}5$ 19 $\text{g} \times \text{h}5$ 20 $\text{d} \times \text{e}4$ (Sznapiak-Kuligowski, Warsaw 1978] $\text{d} \times \text{e}5$ 11 $\text{d} \times \text{e}5$ $\text{d} \times \text{e}5$ 12 $\text{d} \times \text{f}4$ $\text{d} \times \text{f}4$ 13 $\text{d} \times \text{f}4$ $\text{g}5$ 14 $\text{d} \times \text{f}5$ $\text{d} \times \text{f}5$ 15 $\text{e} \times \text{f}0-0$ 16 $\text{d} \times \text{f}1$ $\text{c} \times \text{f}6$ 17 $\text{d} \times \text{e}4$ $\text{c} \times \text{e}5$ 18 $\text{c} \times \text{h}3$ $\text{c} \times \text{g}7$ 19 $\text{f}6+$ $\text{c} \times \text{h}7$ 20 $\text{c} \times \text{h}5$ $\text{d} \times \text{e}6$ 21 $\text{d} \times \text{e}6$ $\text{f} \times \text{e}2$ 22 $\text{f}7$ $\text{c} \times \text{d}4+$ 23 $\text{c} \times \text{h}1$ $\text{c} \times \text{g}7$ 24 $\text{d} \times \text{f}6$ $\text{c} \times \text{h}4$ 25 $\text{d} \times \text{e}8+$ $\text{c} \times \text{h}7$ 26 $\text{c} \times \text{e}2$ $\text{e}5$ 27 $\text{g}4$ $\text{d}5$ 28 $\text{c} \times \text{e}5$ $\text{d} \times \text{a} \times \text{e}8$ 29 $\text{c} \times \text{f}5+$ 1:0

SECTION 16

The positional $\text{d} \times \text{b}5$: Black's pawns are doubled



After either 2 $\text{f}4$ $\text{d} \times \text{c}6$ 3 $\text{d} \times \text{f}3$ $\text{g}6$ or 2 $\text{f}4$ $\text{g}6$ 3 $\text{d} \times \text{f}3$ $\text{d} \times \text{g}7$ 4 $\text{d} \times \text{c}3$ $\text{d} \times \text{c}6$ White can play the positionally motivated $\text{d} \times \text{b}5$. White intends to exchange his bishop on $\text{c}6$ and then put his pawns on the White squares $\text{d}3$ and $\text{e}4$, a strategy reminiscent of the Nimzo-Indian Defence. Later on White may start a typical 2 $\text{f}4$ Sicilian Attack with $\text{c} \times \text{e}1$, $\text{c} \times \text{h}4$, $\text{f}5$, $\text{d} \times \text{h}6$ and $\text{d} \times \text{g}5$ etc.

The timing of $\text{d} \times \text{b}5$ is vital. After 2 $\text{f}4$ $\text{d} \times \text{c}6$ 3 $\text{d} \times \text{f}3$ $\text{g}6$ 4 $\text{d} \times \text{c}3$ $\text{d} \times \text{g}7$ 5 $\text{d} \times \text{b}5$ Black can play 5 ... $\text{d} \times \text{d}4!$ which is examined in the next section.

On the other hand 4 $\text{d} \times \text{b}5!$ excludes this possibility and 4 ... $\text{d} \times \text{g}7$ can be met by 5 $\text{d} \times \text{c}6!$ When Black's pawns are doubled he finds it difficult to generate counterplay.

For this reason Black prefers White to play $\text{d} \times \text{c}3$ before he plays $\text{d} \times \text{b}5$ which, as the reader may recall, is the idea behind 2 ... $\text{g}6$.

This section deals with the doubled pawns which can take two forms, depending on whether Black recaptures on $\text{c}6$ with his b or d pawn. Games 58-60 feature ... bc and games 61 and 62 feature ... dc .

Black's problems stem from the lack of flexibility in his pawn structure. If for example after ... bc he plays ... $\text{d}5$ then his doubled pawns can become a weakness in their own right. Games 58 and 59 illustrate this condition.

Black's best hope for counterplay after either ... bc or ... dc is to play ... $\text{c}4$. Black realised this advance in games 60, 61 and 62 but it didn't really help him in any of them.

Game 58

□ Hebden

Fedorowicz ■

Lewisham 1981

1 $\text{e}4$ $\text{c}5$ 2 $\text{f}4$ $\text{d} \times \text{c}6$ 3 $\text{d} \times \text{f}3$ $\text{g}6$ 4 $\text{d} \times \text{b}5$ $\text{d} \times \text{g}7$ 5

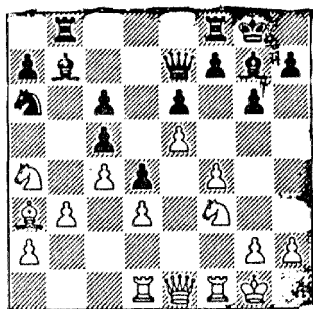
♙xc6 bc 6 d3 d6 7 ♖c3 ♗h6 [Kurajica-Andersson, Wijk aan Zee 1976 went 7 ... ♜b8 8 0-0 f5 9 e5 ♗h6 10 ed?! (10 ♞e1!)] ♞xd6 11 ♗h1 0-0 12 ♞e2 ♗f7 13 ♜e1 ♜e8 14 ♗e5 ♙a6 15 b3 when Black conjured up complications with 15 ... ♗xe5 16 fe ♞d4 17 ♙b2 c4!] 8 0-0 f5 9 ♞e1 0-0 10 e5 ♞c7 11 ♞g3 ♜b8 12 ♜e1 ♗f7 13 b3 ♗d8 14 ♗a4 ♗e6 15 ♙b2 d5 16 c4 ♜d8 17 ♜ad1 ♙a6 18 ♙c1 ♞a5 19 ♙d2 ♞c7 20 ♞f2 d4 21 ♞h4 ♙f8 22 h3 ♞d7 23 ♙a5 ♜dc8 24 ♗g5 1:0

Game 59

□ Bisguier Peretz ■

Netanya 1971

1 e4 c5 2 f4 ♗c6 3 ♗f3 g6 4 ♙b5 ♙g7 5 0-0 ♗f6 6 ♗c3 0-0 7 ♙xc6 bc 8 d3 ♜b8 9 ♞e1 d6 10 b3 ♙a6 11 ♙d2 e6 12 ♜d1 ♗e8 13 e5 d5 14 ♗a4 ♞e7 15 c4 ♗c7 16 ♙e3 d4 17 ♙c1 ♙b7 18 ♙a3 ♗a6



19 ♞a5 ♗b4 20 ♞xc5 ♞xc5 21 ♗xc5 ♗c2 22 ♗xb7 ♗xa3 23 ♗c5 ♜f8 24 ♜d2 ♙f8 25 ♗e4 a5 26 g4 a4 27 ba ♗b1 28 ♜df2 ♗c3 29 ♗f6+ ♗g7 30 f5 ef 31 gf ♙e7 32 fg hg 33 ♗g5 ♜b1 34 ♜xb1 ♗xb1 35 ♗fe4 ♜f8 36 ♜b2 ♗c3 37 ♜b7 ♙xg5 38 ♗xg5 ♗g8 39 a5 ♜a8 40 ♗xf7 ♗e2+ 41 ♗f1 ♗f4 42 ♗h6+ ♗h8 43 ♗g4 ♗g8 44 ♗f6+ ♗f8 45 ♗d7+ ♗e8 46 ♜b8+ 1:0

Game 60

□ Watson Shamkovich ■
Brighton 1982

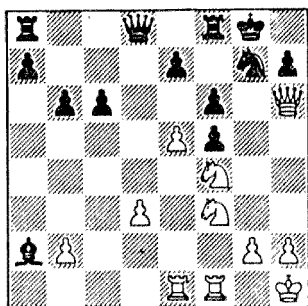
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Game 61

□ Hebden Large ■

British Ch, Torquay 1982

1 e4 c5 2 f4 ♗c6 3 ♗f3 g6 4 ♙b5 ♙g7 5 ♙xc6 dc 6 d3 ♗f6 7 ♗c3 0-0 8 0-0 b6 9 ♞e1 ♗e8 10 ♞h4 ♗d6 11 f5 gf 12 e5 ♗e8 13 ♙h6 f6 14 ♗h1 ♙xh6 15 ♞xh6 ♗g7 16 ♜ael ♙e6 17 ♗e2 c4 18 ♗f4 cd 19 cd ♙xa2



20 e6 ♞c8 21 ♜e3 ♗xe6 22 ♗xe6 ♙xe6 23 ♜xe6 ♜f7 24 ♜fe1 ♞d7 25 ♗h4 ♜e8 26 ♗xf5 ♞xd3 27 ♗d6 1:0

Game 62

□ Larsen

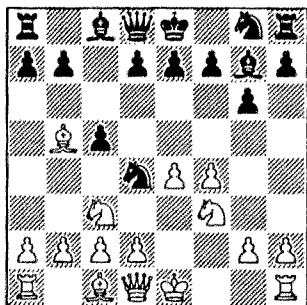
Perez ■

Amsterdam Interzonal 1964

1 e4 c5 2 f4 e6 3 ♖f3 ♘c6 4 ♗b5 g6? 5 ♗xc6 dc 6 d3 ♗g7 7 0-0 ♘e7 8 ♘c3 0-0 9 ♖e1 b6 10 a4 ♗a6 11 ♖h4 [11 b3!] ♖d7 12 ♗e3 c4 13 dc c5 14 ♘e5 ♖b7 15 ♗f3 f6 16 ♗h3 fe [16 ... h6! unclear] 17 ♖xh7+ ♘f7 18 f5 ef 19 ♗h6 ♗g8 20 ef ♘xf5 21 ♗f1 ♗xc4 22 ♗g3 ♗xf1 23 ♖xg6+ ♘e7? [23 ... ♘f8] 24 ♗g5+ ♘f8 25 ♖xf5+ ♖f7 26 ♖e4 ♗c8 27 ♗f3 ♗c4 28 ♖xc4 ♖xf3 29 gf 1:0

SECTION 17

5 ♗b5 ♘d4:
the main line



The position obtained after the moves 1 e4 c5 2 f4 ♘c6 3 ♖f3 g6 4 ♘c3 ♗g7 5 ♗b5 ♘d4 is one of the most important lines of the f4 Sicilian. But because of the superior 4 ♗b5! ♗g7 5 ♗xc6 it is usually arrived at via 2 ♘c3 ♘c6 3 f4 g6 4 ♖f3 ♗g7 5 ♗b5 ♘d4 or 2 ... g6 3 ♖f3 ♗g7 4 ♘c3 ♘c6 5 ♗b5 ♘d4.

After the obvious 6 ♘xd4 (game 64) White has to play accurately even to maintain equality. 6 a4 is rather better but still nothing special if Black defends as accurately as he did in game 65.

White's only try for the advantage is 6 0-0. Black can then choose between 6 ... ♘xb5 (game 65) and 6 ... a6 (game 66) both of which offer reasonable prospects.

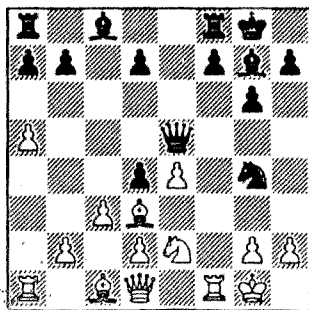
Game 63

□ Dzindzihashvili

Tal ■

Gori 1968

1 e4 c5 2 ♘c3 ♘c6 3 f4 g6 4 ♖f3 ♗g7 5 ♗b5 ♘d4 6 ♘d4 cd 7 ♘e2 ♖b6 8 ♗d3 [8 ♗c4 d6 9 d3 ♘f6 10 0-0 0-0 11 ♘h1 e6 12 ♗b3 ♗d7 was fine for Black in Padevski-Benko, Siegen (Ol) 1970] ♘f6! [More natural than theory's 8 ... d6] 9 a4 [If 9 0-0 then 9 ... ♘xe4! Relatively best is 9 c3 dc 10 dc 0-0] 0-0 10 a5 ♖c7 11 0-0 e5! 12 fe ♖xe5 13 c3 ♘g4



14 ♗f4 dc 15 dc ♖c5+ 16 ♘h1 ♘f2+ 17 ♗xf2 ♖xf2 18 ♗f4 d6 19 ♗xd6 ♗d8 20 ♗c7 ♗g4 21 ♗xd8 ♗xd8 22 ♖c2 ♗e5 23 ♘g3 ♖e3 24 ♗c4 ♗xg3 25 hg ♗d2 26 ♖a4 ♗d7 27 ♗x7+ 0:1

Game 64

□ Hebden

W. Watson ■

London 1982

1 e4 c5 2 f4 g6 3 ♖f3 ♗g7 4 ♘c3 ♘c6 5 ♗b5 ♘d4 6 a4 [The retrograde 6 ♗d3 gives a tempo down version of 6 0-0 a6 7 ♗d3, also pretty poor for White. Basman-Adorjan, London 1975 went 6 ... d6 7 ♘xd4 cd 8 ♘e2 ♘f6 9 0-0 0-0 10 c3 e5! 11 cd ed 12 b3 ♗e8 13 ♘g3 h5! with a

dangerous initiative for Black] e6 7 e5 a6 8 ♖c4 d5 9 ed ♗xd6 10 d3 ♗e7 11 ♗e4 ♗c7 12 c3 ♗xf3+ 13 ♗xf3 0-0 14 ♗f2 b6 15 0-0 ♖b7 16 ♗h4 ♗f5 17 ♗f6+ ♖xf6 18 ♗xf6 ♗c6 19 ♖f2 ♖ad8 20 ♖d2 b5 21 ab. ab 22 ♖b3 c4 23 ♖c2 cd 24 ♖b3 ♗d6 25 ♖e1 ♗c4 26 ♖xc4 bc 27 ♖e5 ♖a8 28 ♖e1 ♖a5 29 ♖e3 ♖f5 30 ♗h4 f6 31 ♖a1 e5 32 fe fe 33 ♖d2 ♗d5 34 h3 ♗f7 35 ♗h2 ♖a8 36 ♖xa8+ ♖xa8 37 ♖h6 ♗h8 38 ♗d8+ ♗g8 39 ♗e7 ♗f7 40 ♗d8+ ♗g8 41 ♗c7 ♗f7 42 ♗d6 ♗e8 43 ♗c7 ♗f7 44 ♗b8+ ♗g8 45 ♗b6 ♖d5 46 ♖f2 ♖xf2 47 ♗xf2 ♗d8 48 ♗a7 ♗f6 49 ♗b8+ ♖g8 50 ♖e3 ♗g7 51 ♗g1 h6 52 ♗c7+ ♖f7 53 h4 ♗f5 54 ♗d8 ♖g8 55 ♗e7+ ♖f7 56 ♗d8 ♖g8 57 ♗e7+ 1/2:1/2

Game 65

□ Plaskett Schmidt ■

Trnava 1984

1 e4 c5 2 f4 g6 3 ♗f3 ♖g7 4 ♗c3 ♗c6 5 ♖b5 ♗d4 6 0-0 ♗xb5 7 ♗xb5 d6 8 d3 [Direct but not necessarily best. 8 a4 a6 9 ♗c3 ♗f6 10 ♗e1 0-0 is Hebden-Ftačnik, Hastings 1983-84 when 11 a5! would have given White a slight edge according to Ftačnik] ♗f6 [Lein-Shamkovich, New York 1983 showed that 8 ... ♗h6 is a good alternative plan. Play continued with 9 ♖b1 a6 10 ♗c3 f5 11 ♗e2 0-0 12 ♖d2 ♖d7 13 e5 de 14 ♗xe5 ♗f7 with at least equality for Black. 8 ... a6 9 ♗c3 b5 transposes into Bisguier-Feuerstein, USA Ch 1972 in which White maintained a slight advantage after 10 ♗e1 ♖b7 11 ♖d2 b4 12 ♗d1 a5 13 ♖b1! 8 ... a6 9 ♗c3 ♗f6 brought a quick win for White in Crawley-Large, London 1984 after 10 ♗e1 0-0 11 f5 gf? 12 ♗h4 b5 13 ♖h6 ♖xh6 14 ♗xh6 b4 15 ♗g5 bc 16 ♖f3 cb 17 ♖b1 ♗h8 18 ♖g3 ♖d7 19 ♗xh7 ♗xh7 20 ♗g7 mate 1:0] 9 e5! de 10 fe ♗d5 11 ♗e1 0-0 12 ♗h4 ♗d7 13 ♗c3 ♗b4 14 ♗e4

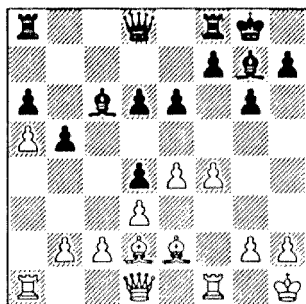
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Game 66

□ Hebden Spraggett ■

New York 1983

1 e4 c5 2 f4 g6 3 ♗f3 ♖g7 4 ♗c3 ♗c6 5 ♖b5 ♗d4 6 0-0 a6 [6 ... e6 7 ♗xd4 cd 8 ♗e2 ♗e7 9 d3 0-0 10 ♖a4 d6 11 ♗h1 a6 12 ♖d2 b5 13 ♖b3 ♖b7 14 a4 gave White a slight edge in Short-Georgadze, Lvov 1984] 7 ♖e2(!) [7 ♖d3 d6 8 ♗xd4 cd 9 ♗e2 ♗f6 10 ♗e1?! (10 c3) 0-0 11 ♗f2 e5! 12 c3 d5! 13 ed e4 was tremendous for Black in Sulman-Gheorghiu, Atlanta 1980. In Plaskett-Ftačnik, Trnava 1984 White varied with 8 b3 ♖g4 9 ♖e2. But Ftačnik claims an edge for Black with 9 ... ♖xf3 10 ♖xf3 e6 and ♗e7] d6 8 a4 e6 9 d3 ♗e7 10 ♖d2 0-0 11 ♗h1 b6 12 ♗xd4 cd 13 ♗a2 ♗c6 14 ♗b4 ♖b7 15 ♗xc6 ♖xc6 16 a5 b5



17 ♖f3 ♖c8 18 ♗e2 ♗d7 19 ♖b4 ♖fe8 20 ♖ae1 f5 21 ♗f2 fe 22 de ♖b7 23 b3 ♗h8 24 ♖g4 ♖f8 25 ♗d2 ♖f7 26 ♖a3 ♖c8 27 ♗g1 g5 28 f5 ef 29 ef ♖e5 30 ♖b2 h5 31 ♖xh5 ♖xf5 32 ♖xf5 ♗xf5 33 ♖xd4 ♗h7 34 ♖xe5 de 35 h3 e4 36 ♗d4 ♗f6 37 ♗xf6

♖xf6 38 ♖f1 ♘g7 39 ♖xf6 ♘xf6 40 ♘f2
 e3+ 41 ♘xe3 ♙xg2 42 ♙g4 b4 43 ♘d4
 ♙f1 44 ♘c5 ♘e5 45 ♘xb4 1:0

SECTION 18

Miscellaneous Variations

This final section deals with an assortment of lines which were difficult to put in anywhere else.

In game 67 Black meets the ♙b5 plan with ... d6 and ... ♙d7. White missed a chance to inflict doubled pawns on move 6 but Black could have got to the same position with something like 1 e4 c5 2 f4 d6 3 ♘f3 ♘c6 4 ♙b5 ♙d7 5 ♘c3 g6 6-0-0 ♙d7 and avoided this possibility.

Game 68 shows a delayed ... ♘c6 by Black before which White played ♙b5+ and exchanged on d6. As with game 67 Black seems to be able to maintain reasonable prospects with accurate play.

In game 69 Black prevents ♙b5 altogether with 3 ... a6. But White then reverted to a Closed Sicilian where ... a6 is not the best idea for Black.

Finally game 70 shows an unusual possibility favoured by Romanishin. Black managed to draw the ending but only by the skin of his teeth.

Game 67

□ Miles

■ Suttles

Surakarta 1982

1 e4 g6 2 f4 ♙g7 3 ♘f3 c5 4 ♘c3 ♘c6 5
 ♙b5 d6 6 0-0 [6 ♙xc6+!] ♙d7 7 d3 a6
 [Ideas based on ... ♘d4 seem playable.
 Plaskett-Stohl, Trnava 1984 went 7 ...
 ♘f6 8 ♖e1 (8 ♙xc6 ♙xc6 9 ♖e1 e6 10 f5
 ♖b6 11 fe fe 12 e5 was about equal in
 Smyslov-Polugaevsky, USSR Ch 1972)
 ♘d4 9 e5?! ♘xb5 10 ef ♙xf6 11 ♘d5 e6
 12 f5 g5 13 c4 ♘d4 14 ♘xd4 ♙xd4+ 15
 ♙e3 ♙e5 16 ♙xc5 0-0 with a mess which

resolved itself in Black's favour. Hort-de
 Firmian, Oslo 1984 went 7 ... ♘d4 8
 ♙xd7+ ♖xd7 9 ♙e3 ♘h6 10 ♘h1 f5 11
 ♖d2 ♘xf3 12 ♖xf3 0-0 with a sound
 position for Black.] 8 ♙xc6 ♙xc6 9 ♖e1
 ♘f6 10 a4 b6 11 ♖h4 h6 [Very risky is 11
 ... 0-0 which transposes into Hebden-
 Britton, Ramsgate 1982. Play continued
 12 f5 b5 13 ♙h6 ♘h5 14 ♙xg7 ♘xg7 15
 ab ab 16 ♖xa8 ♙xa8 17 ♘xb5 ♖b6 18
 ♖xe7 ♖xb5 19 ♘g5 ♖e8 20 ♘e6+ ♘g8
 21 ♖xf8+ ♖xf8 22 ♘xf8 ♘xf8 23 g4 ♘g7
 24 ♖a1 1:0. There again not castling can
 also have its drawbacks....] 12 ♙d2 e6 13
 ♖ae1 b5 14 ab ab 15 e5 b4 16 ♘d1 ♘d7 17
 ♖xd8+ ♘xd8 18 ed ♙xf3 19 ♖xf3 ♖a2 20
 c3 b3 21 c4 ♙d4+ 22 ♙e3 e5 23 f5 ♖e8 24
 ♘f1 gf 25 ♖xf5 ♖e6 26 ♖xf7 ♖xd6 27
 ♙c1 ♘e8 28 ♖f3 ♘b6 29 ♙e3 ♘d7 30
 ♙xd4 ed 31 ♖f7+ ♘c6 32 ♖e8 ♖a1 33
 ♘e2 ♖c1 34 ♘e1 ♖c2 35 ♖e2 ♖g6 36 g3
 ♘c8 37 ♘f2 ♖c1+ 38 ♘d2 ♖a1 39 ♖f8
 ♘d7 40 ♖e5 ♖b1 41 ♘e4 ♘d6 42 ♘f6+
 ♘c6 43 ♖e6 ♖xb2+ 44 ♘c1 ♖c2+ 45
 ♘b1 1:0

Game 68

□ Padevsky

■ Browne

Amsterdam 1972

1 e4 c5 2 ♘c3 d6 3 f4 g6 4 ♘f3 ♙g7 5
 ♙b5+ ♙d7 6 ♙xd7+ ♖xd7 7 0-0 ♘c6 8
 d3 ♘f6 [8 ... e6 was played in Lukin-
 Gutman, USSR 1974. White got an edge
 with 9 ♙e3 ♘f6 10 h3 0-0 11 d4 cd 12
 ♘xd4 ♘xd4 13 ♙xd4 ♖c6 14 ♖d3 ♖fd8
 15 ♖ad1 d5 16 e5 ♘d7 17 ♖e3 b5 18 ♖d2
 ♙f8 19 g4] 9 h3 0-0 10 ♙e3 b5 11 ♖d2 b4
 12 ♘e2 ♖ab8 13 f5 c4 14 ♙h6 b3 15 fg hg
 16 ♙xg7 ♘xg7 17 dc bc 18 ♖xc2 ♖b7 19
 b3 ♘b4 20 ♖c3 ♖xe4 21 ♘ed4 ♖d3 22
 ♖e1 ♖b7 23 ♖d1 ♖e4 24 ♖d2 ♖bb8 25
 ♖de1 ♖b7 26 ♖g5 e6 27 ♖h4 ♖h8 28 ♖g3
 ♖d7 29 ♘g5 e5 30 ♘f5+ ♘f8 31 ♘h4
 ♘g7 32 ♖xf6 ♘xf6 33 ♖f1+ ♘g7 34

♖xf7+ ♗xf7 35 ♜xf7 ♝xf7 36 ♞xg6+
 ♞e7 37 ♜f5+ ♞d7 38 ♞xd6+ 1:0

Game 69

□ Hodgson

Gurevich ■

Brighton 1982

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d6 3 ♜f3 a6 4 g3 ♜f6 5 d3 g6 6
 ♙g2 ♙g7 7 0-0 0-0 [7 ... e5?! 8 ♜c3 ♜ge7
 9 f5! gf 10 ♜g5 h6 11 ♜xf7! ♝xf7 12
 ♞h5+ ♞g8 13 ef gave White a strong
 attack in Ruxton-Bagnall, corr. 1979.]
 8 ♜c3 ♜c6 9 h3 ♜d4 10 ♙e3 ♜d7 11 g4
 b5 12 ♞d2 ♜xf3+ 13 ♙xf3 b4 14 ♜d1
 ♙b7 15 g5 f5 16 gf ef 17 f5 ♜e5 18 ♙g2
 ♚c8 19 e4 ♚c7 20 ♝h1 gf 21 ♚xf5 ♙c8 22
 ♚f1 f5 23 ♙g5 ♞e8 24 ♜e3 h6 25 ♙f4 fe
 26 de ♚cf7 27 ♜f5 ♜xc4 28 ♞c1 ♙xf5 29
 ef ♜e5 30 ♙d5 ♝h7 31 ♙xf7 ♞c6+ 32
 ♝h2 ♚xf7 33 f6 ♜f3+ 34 ♝g3 ♙xf6 35
 ♚xf3 ♙h4+ 36 ♝g4 ♚g7+ 37 ♝xh4 ♞xf3
 38 ♞e3 ♞a8 39 ♞d3+ ♝h8 40 ♞xd6 ♞e4
 41 ♚d1 1:0

Game 70

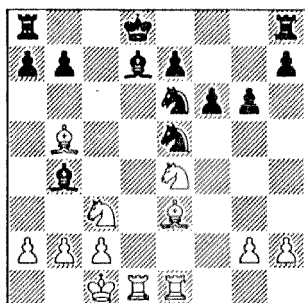
□ Romanishin

Portisch ■

Tilburg 1979

1 e4 c5 2 ♜c3 d6 3 f4 g6 [3 ... ♜c6 4 ♜f3
 ♙g4 5 ♙b5 ♞d7 6 h3 ♙xf3 7 ♞xf3 a6 8
 ♙xc6 ♞xc6 9 0-0 ♜f6 10 d3 e6 11 a4 ♙e7

12 a5 0-0-0 was about even in Timoseev-
 Dvoiris, RSFSR 1983] 4 d4 cd 5 ♞xd4
 ♜f6 6 e5 ♜c6 7 ♙b5 ♜h5 [7 ... de 8
 ♞xd8+ ♝xd8 9 fe ♜e8 10 ♙e3 ♜c7 11 0-
 0-0+ was very good for White in
 Romanishin-Rashkovski, USSR Ch
 1976] 8 ♙e3 ♙g7 9 ♞d1 de 10 ♞xd8+
 ♝xd8 11 0-0-0+ ♙d7 12 fe ♙xe5 13 ♜d5
 ♜g7 14 ♜f3 ♙d6 15 ♚he1 ♜e6 16 ♜g5
 ♜e5 17 ♜c3 f6 18 ♜ge4 ♙b4



19 ♚xd7+ ♜xd7 20 ♚d1 ♜f8 21 ♙h6 a6
 22 ♙c4 ♙xc3 23 ♜xc3 ♚c8 24 ♙b3 e6 25
 ♙xf8 ♚xf8 26 ♙xe6 ♚c7 27 ♜d5 ♜b8 28
 ♜xf6+ ♝e7 29 ♜d5+ ♝xe6 30 ♜xc7+
 ♝e5 31 ♜d5 ♚f2 32 ♜e3 ♝f4 33 ♚d3
 ♜c6 34 ♝d1 ♝e4 35 ♝e1 ♚xc2 30 ♚b3
 ♚c5 37 ♜g4 ♝f4 38 ♜f2 ♚b5 39 ♚f3+
 ♝g5 40 ♜d3 ½:½

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